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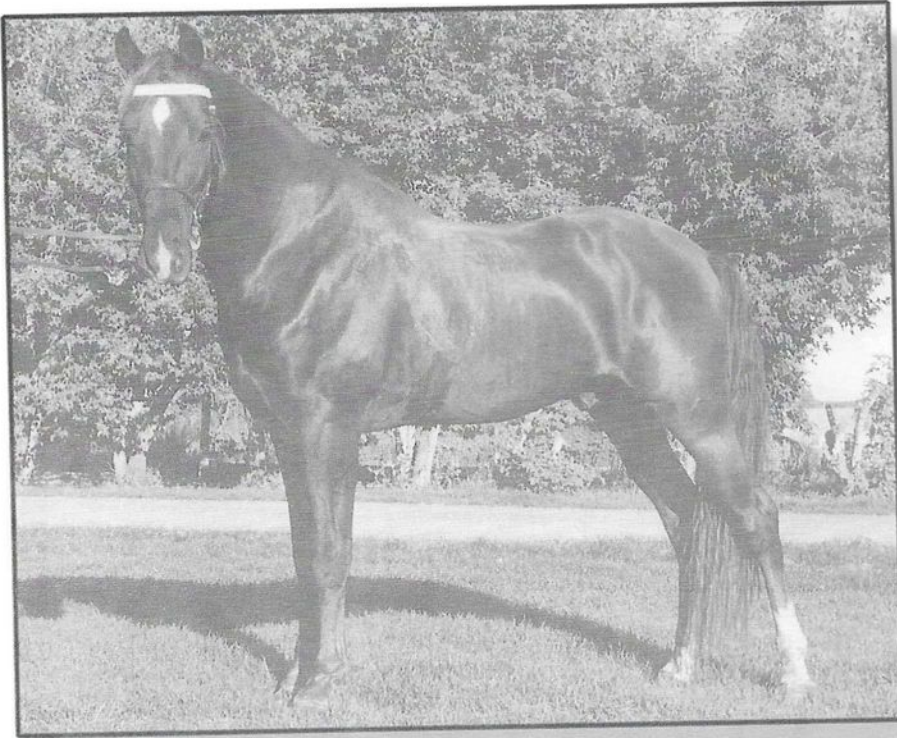


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The "Trail 2000" crew from
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Dear Subscribers,

It feels like we've jumped straight from winter to summer, with above normal temperatures and extremely dry conditions. If there isn't a good rain soon, hay is going to be in short supply this winter, not to mention summer pasture. Hope for rain!

You'll notice two additions in this issue: the form for the Tennessee Walking Horse "Who & Where" Handbook and the CRTWH Colour Chart. Lorraine Adams is going to update and reissue the Handbook. Inclusion in it is free. This will be very interesting information once it's compiled (and super advertising for your Walkers), so be sure to fill in the form and send it to Lorraine. If everyone does that, we'll have a pretty good census of the Walkers in Canada at this time. Also, the Canadian Registry is pleased to present you with a complimentary copy of the new Colour Chart.

This issue of Walking Horse News has a definite international flavour, with Keith Oberle's story of taking a group of people from Germany on a TWH-powered pack trip into the Rockies plus a story on Cloudwalker Stables' African connection.


There are several stories of Walkers that reached a ripe old age. Franne Brandon's friend, Rusty, died soon after his 30th birthday, while Allanna Jackson's Lucky Koko Prince, is going strong at 30, and still breeding! At McDonald Farms Handshaker's Candy S. lived to be 28 and left a legacy of talented offspring. I also heard that Go Shadow Go, Westridge Farm's beautiful black stallion died at age 30 this past spring. TWH are a long-lived breed. Take a look at all the new foals in Foal Call. Some of them may still be going strong in 2030.

Jo has agreed to continue mailing the magazines for this year, so that is a big weight off my shoulders. Thank you, Jo.

I hope you enjoy the *News*, and for next time, let's hear what's going on at **your** place.

Have a great summer with your horses.

Marjorie



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Another story from "CANADIAN TIMES OF THE TWH"

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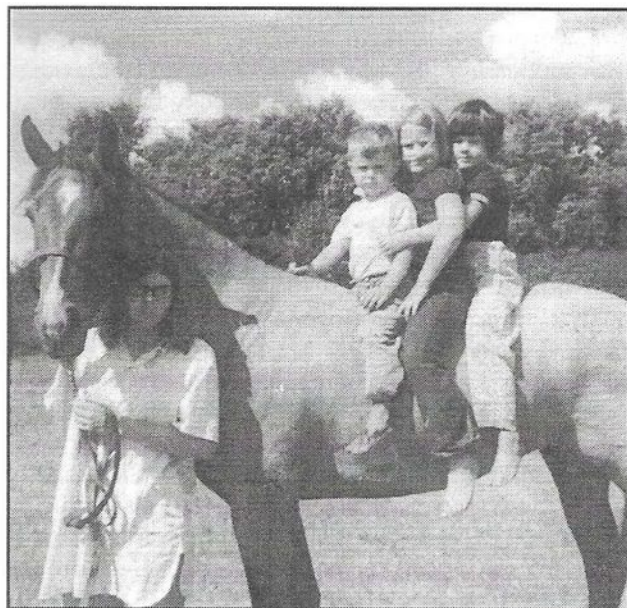
by Gale Allan

This is a picture of H.P. JOAN (Dawn), a three-quarter TWH. My Dad bought her for me when she was two years old for \$75.00. Dawn came from Marlene Sam's.

Dawn had a lot of riders on her over the years, from experienced to beginners, and would carry as many people as there was room for on her back. I sold her to some people in Manitoba along with one of her daughters in 1982.

In 1995 I decided to get back into horses. I went back to Marlene and bought two mares from her and one from her granddaughter. (The pedigree of one of them is shown below.) I now have 18 horses of various ages.

I am a pleasure rider and that is the market I would like to sell my horses to, so that people can experience the joy of riding that I do.



Gale with H.P. Joan in 1972, Gordon, Donna & Mary aboard.

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 DAKOTA MIDNIGHT
 -114- [US]745303

Horse Name
 MIDNIGHTS BLACK KAT
 1988-1108- [US]882573

Dam
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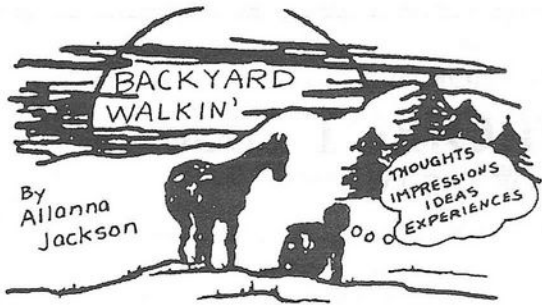
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The Thirty Years of Luckys Koko Prince

c May 2001, Allanna Lea Jackson

On April 29, 1971, in Whitefish, Montana, USA, the bay mare Sundown La Marr 540634, owned by David W. and Helen M. Morris, produced a stocky brown colt with a right hind sock. The colt was named Luckys Koko Prince and registered with TWHBEA as the property of his breeder. He was nicknamed "Koko."

Luckys Koko Prince was sired by the Morris's stallion, Ramblers Lucky Socks 610195 (Zephyrs Gold Rambler 482616 x Shamrock Glory Brook 483117), a chestnut grandson of Roy Rogers' Trigger, Jr., a.k.a. Allen's Gold Zephyr 431975. Shamrock Glory Brook 483117 was by Fitz Allen 410360 out of Thornton's Glamour Girl 411874, two of the first registered Walkers shipped to Montana in 1941.

Koko's dam, Sundown LaMarr (Silvertip-Rickey 473752 X Margaret La Marr 440480) also came from the earliest of western TWH lines. She was bred by Marie McBroom, Grace Larson's mother. Her dam, Margaret La Marr, (Moss' Brownie 401379 X Patty LaMarr 380002) was bred by Tom Moss, Big Horn, Wyoming. Mr. Moss became the first TWHBA director from outside Tennessee in 1936. He bought the mare Lady La Marr X-4, 440848 from a neighbor, Mrs. Eaton. Tom Moss shipped Lady La Marr to his home state of Missouri where she was bred to his TWH stallion Billie-Gene 350163 to produce the mare Patty La Marr 380002. Patty La Marr was the only foal out of Lady La Marr so all of the La Marr Walking Horses are descendants of these two mares. In 1939 Tom Moss moved his La Marr Walkers to Big Horn, Wyoming, where he continued to serve as a TWHBA director for several more years. Mr. Moss produced TWH suitable for western uses. To him this meant horses that would running walk for any rider, with no tendency to pace, when ridden casually in the Western manner.

In the early 1950's Tom Moss sold much of his breeding herd, including several La Marr mares and Black Beauty Allen 440890, to Marie McBroom.

Silvertip-Rickey was just a foal when Marie McBroom imported him from Iowa to Montana in 1947.

On June 20, 1972, the yearling Luckys Koko Prince was sold to Wesley A. Carter in British Columbia, Canada.

In 1973 Koko was bred to Shadow's Rain Star 685124. The resulting foal was a brown mare, Kokos

Magic Shadow 745772. Kokos Magic Shadow promoted the TWH in exhibition classes at All-breed shows around Alberta in the 1980's. She was also bred to Ebony's Jack Daniels H., but has not been heard from in years.

The ownership of Luckys Koko Prince was transferred from Wesley A. Carter to Aries Enterprises & Developments, Ltd. on May 10, 1974. There is no indication who this company represented.

It was either 1974 or 1975 that Bill Howes of Ardrosson, AB, found Koko in the care of B. Michael Carter, Ponoka, AB, and brought his half-Arabian half-TWH mare to Koko's court. Mr. Howes was so pleased with the resulting foal that he tried to take the mare back in 1976. Koko was gone! He had been sold at auction. Mr. Howes went looking for Koko, found him in a sorry situation and bought him. The registration papers were transferred from Aries Enterprises to Raymond Bailey on June 19, 1976, and from Raymond Bailey to Howes Building, Ltd. - William P. Howes, on July 8, 1976. It is not clear who actually had possession of Koko during this rapid shuffle of owners.

TWHBEA issued a replacement registration certificate for Luckys Koko Prince to Mr. Howes on August 31, 1976. A TWHBEA replacement certificate is not a duplicate and does not give any indication it is not the original certificate. TWHBEA also issues duplicate certificates, which are stamped "Duplicate." The replacement certificate omits three of Koko's owners, looks as if Koko was registered at age 5 1/2, and reads as if Bill Howes were the owner at birth. Bill Howes registered Koko with CRTWH in Sept 1976. TWHBEA's failure to indicate that the replacement certificate was not the original caused CLRC to record the wrong owner at birth and omit one third of Koko's ownership record. The errors went unnoticed for 20 years.

The TWHBEA office staff explained to me that replacement certificates are not the same as duplicate certificates. A replacement certificate is issued when: 1. The original has been lost or damaged so badly it is no longer legible. 2. The horse has changed owners so many times all the transfer blocks are full. Or 3. The current owner paid to have their name put on the front of the certificate. The information that has been omitted from replacement certificates can be obtained from TWHBEA, for a fee, if one realizes the information is missing. Beware of replacement certificates. They may conceal more than they reveal! TWHBEA was quick to supply a print-out of the complete ownership record for Luckys Koko Prince when informed it was of interest to CLRC.

Bill Howes loved Koko and kept him for 11 years, the longest any owner has had him. Mr. Howes reports that Koko was a master at untying ropes, opening gates, sliding feed hopper slides and otherwise getting into things that seemed safely out of his reach. Koko never forgot those tricks and late in life added climbing into feed sheds and raiding psyllium buckets to his

repertoire. He passed this talent on, by inheritance, to some of his foals.

The Howes' neighbor, Vic Bennett, a saddle maker and Quarter Horse trainer, trained Koko to walk, trot, and lope "like a good little Quarter Horse", though teaching him to trot was an exercise in futility. Luckys Koko Prince is living proof that Tom Moss's goal of producing a Walker that will running walk with no tendency to pace can be achieved - some times. When the rider did not work at making Koko trot he cheerfully reverted to a running walk that is comparable in style to that of Lillie White 350074, the mare who placed second behind Strolling Jim 410315 in the 1939 World's Grand Championship Stake class at the first Celebration in Shelbyville, TN. In his later years when his arthritic back and shoulders bothered him, or just for mischief's sake, Koko would occasionally slip into a very smooth foxtrot instead. He also had an excellent canter on both leads. Allegations that he could rack are in error. Luckys Koko Prince cannot pace nor rack.

Koko's behavior under saddle implies that he may also have been trained by a Saddlebred trainer at some time in his life, though he cannot tell us whom, when, or where. The people I've talked to don't know. The effort to make Koko into a saddle-seat show horse went to the extreme of surgically altering his tail carriage. This tail-set surgery mangled Koko's tail so badly it flopped awkwardly to the right for the rest of his life.

During the 1970's Luckys Koko Prince was one of the very few TWH stallions in the Edmonton region. Mr. Howes supported the Yellowhead Walking Horse Association, organized in 1979, exhibiting Koko at shows and demonstrations to promote the breed in central Alberta.

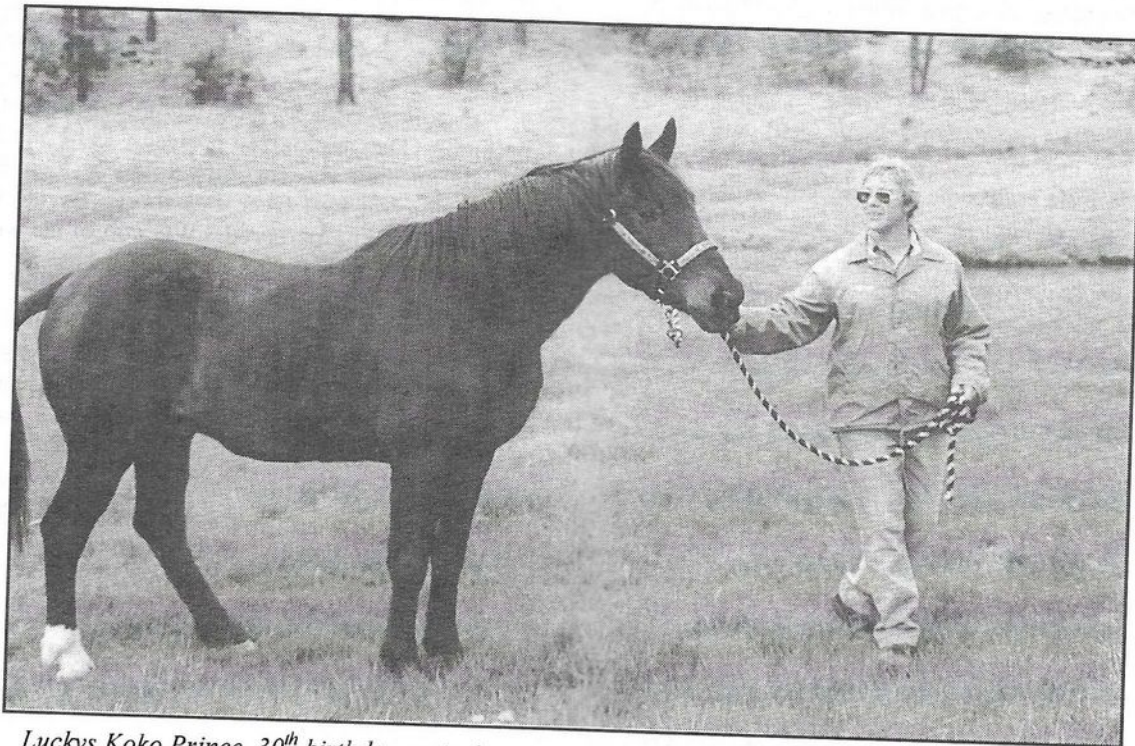
Marjorie Lacy recalls manning an information booth about TWH at an expo at Lloydminster where Luckys Koko Prince was representing the breed. She did not see Mr. Howe's performances with Koko under saddle in the demonstration ring. Instead she witnessed Koko's ability to running walk within the confines of a box stall as he loudly protested the departures of his newest lady-love, the Norwegian Fjord mare stabled next to him. Showing was never Koko's forte; his deportment is far superior on the trail and in parades, though he has sired several fine show horses.

Luckys Koko Prince sired the following registered TWH while owned by Bill Howes:

Mitzy's Go-Go Girl 801314 -558- and Mitzy's Pride 813114 -559-, brown mares born in 1980 and 1981 respectively, both out of Sham's Merry Mitzy 724895. In the early 1980's these matched sisters were almost unbeatable in Open, All-breed Halter competition everywhere they were shown. Everett S. Goodrich, Hardesty, AB, is the most recent owner of record for Mitzy's Pride.

Shadows Lucky Jade 823381 -156-, a 1982 chestnut gelding out of Shadow of Riverview -155-, was just coming into his own as a show horse when he suffered major health problems and had to be euthanized. Jade was the pride and joy of his lady owner, who was devastated by his premature death.

Shadows Koko Boy 871472 -566- is a 1987 chestnut gelding by Luckys Koko Prince out of Shadow of Riverview -155- who did very well at the Alberta TWH shows in 1997 and 1998 under the direction of his owner, Donna Edwards, Carnwood, AB.



Luckys Koko Prince, 30th birthday portrait.

In the late 1990's Kokos Sundown Zepher -550-, a 1986 bay mare out of Zepher's Third Lady S. produced several foals for Ernie and Vera Jensen, Limberlost Farms, Drayton Valley, AB. This mare is also called "Koko." Her full brother, a 1987 chestnut colt named Zepher's Koko Son -556-, has not been heard from since Bill Howes sold him.

Bill Howes sold the 15 ½ year old Luckys Koko Prince to Shaun Ellis on Oct. 4, 1986. Koko dropped out of sight and out of production for the next 2 ½ years.

In 1989 Dixie Ball found Luckys Koko Prince at an auction sale where she outbid the slaughter-house buyers by just enough to take the 18 year old stallion home. His registration papers were transferred from Shaun Ellis to Dan and Dixie Verstraete on May 6, 1989. Koko's career resumed under the Verstraetes, who tried to call him "Lucky." He remained "Koko" in the minds of those who had known him before. The horse evidently considered himself "Koko" as well, for he answered to that name better than he did to "Lucky."

Jo Kingsland bred her favorite mare, Candy's Bay Lady 2 -370- to Koko in 1989 and got the white footed bay mare Koca Marree -818-, who was shown in the Canadian Futurity as a yearling (6th) and as a two year old (1st). Marree was started under saddle but suffered an injury two days before her 2-Gait Futurity class, which kept her out of the show. She was bred to Thunder's War Eagle 682280 -210- for her first foal, but a complicated delivery killed the resulting chestnut filly and almost killed Marree.

In 1990 Koko was given opportunity to sire some 17 foals, most of them American Walking Ponies rather than Tennessee Walking Horses. Most of these foals have disappeared into use as family pleasure horses.

I first met and rode Luckys Koko Prince in Oct. 1990, during the "Great Alberta Walking Horse Tour" with Jo Kingsland and Marjorie Lacy. When I rode Koko something instantly clicked so strongly between us that Jo and Marjorie both indicated they could almost see the rapport I felt with him.

Dixie crossed the TWH mare Canadian Flicka -804- with Koko three times in three years, 1990, 1991, and 1992, getting three stallions of three different colors: Dixie's Hot Chocolate, Dixie's Black Magic, and Koko's Smokey.

Dixie's Hot Chocolate 1991-1237, a dark bay, has made a name for himself both in the Alberta TWH shows and in TRAC competition. Hot Chocolate's most notable success to date was winning the AWhA high point competitive trail horse award for three years in a row starting with his first season of TRAC competition. I hear his foals are walking in his hoof prints.

The black stallion, Dixie's Black Magic 1992-1238- was at stud in Stony Plain, AB, at one time, but has been heard from only in rumors in recent years.

The dark chestnut, Koko's Smokey 1993-1433-, is owned by Allan Gates in Rocky Mountain House, AB.

Smokey sired several very quiet, sturdy foals before an accident ended his breeding career. He is now earning his keep as a riding horse.

In May 1991 Dixie and Luckys Koko Prince completed the novice division TRAC ride at Tees, AB. Koko was 20 years old at the time. He placed near the end of the field but higher than another TWH stallion who was half his age. Dan Verstraete used Koko to check cattle, drove him in harness, and rode him in parades. The Verstraete children climbed on Koko's back and rode him around his pen, often with no tack on him at all. Koko took care of the children and was careful to stay balanced under them if they started to fall off. Dan was aware that the children even rode Koko without tack in the pasture with his mares, though they were not supposed to.

In addition to his duties as the Verstraete family's working pet, Koko continued siring more American Walking Ponies than purebred TWH for Dixie, and others. Mary Henderson of Tees, AB, raised several AWP by him: the 1992 bay roan gelding Kokomo, the 1993 palomino gelding Golden Rambler, the 1993 buckskin mare Geeta, and the 1993 black mare Lucky Beauty, all sired by Luckys Koko Prince.

Koko's idyllic situation took a turn for the worse when his people suffered family troubles. The court awarded sole ownership of Luckys Koko Prince to Dan Verstraete and his CRTWH papers were transferred April 6, 1995. The TWHBEA papers were not transferred until December, 1995.

Dan recalls one time when Koko had to be moved from one side of Red Deer to another facility on the opposite side of town. Lacking access to a horse trailer, Dan rode Koko across town - during business hours. Koko wended his way through the traffic as calm as you please. They were stopped in the middle of town by a police officer who complained about Koko's pollution. Dan apologized profusely as he and Koko went merrily on their way, arriving safely at their destination. Koko's stay in Red Deer was short. By the summer of 1995 Koko and a purebred TWH colt of his were back in Blackfalds, boarded with a friend Dan trusted to care for them.

Dan Verstraete loved Koko and intended to keep him for the rest of his life but the boarding arrangement went terribly wrong. In the fall of 1995 Dan had to rescue his own horses. He moved Koko and the weanling colt to Red Deer where he nursed them back to health himself. It soon became painfully clear that this was a temporary solution. Dan loved Koko enough to put the stallion's welfare ahead of his own feelings so he made a phone call to Arizona.

"Are you still interested in Koko?"

"Yes."

"Would you like to buy him?"

Luckys Koko Prince was sold for the last time on Dec. 21, 1995, to Allanna Jackson, Lakeside, Arizona, USA. In Arizona Koko found snow, a dry climate that eased his heaves, and a couple of red-headed females, one human, one equine, who loved him. He also went back to work as a riding horse. Koko was bloodtyped and DNA tested in 1996. The results of both tests are on file with CLRC.

In 1996 Koko did one demonstration, one parade and lots of trail riding, sometimes with mares. He was tested and found capable of shipping chilled semen for AI breeding but efforts at promoting him failed. Koko cheerfully bred Sacia's Pride 745076 several times, but she went into menopause instead of conceiving.

In 1997 Koko's one breeding was by AI to Chance's Comanche Dawn 927008, in Massachusetts. This resulted in the bay gelding Mister Star La Marr 981912, the only Koko foal to be born in the USA to date. I rode Koko in one parade and one show, plus more miles of trails. As always, Koko's behavior was better on the trail and on parade than in the show ring.

In 1998 and 1999 Koko raised Mister Star La Marr and assisted in educating him to the realities of life as a trail horse. I rode Koko on more trails and in another parade, but a tumble while ponying Mister plus advancing age diminished Koko's work capacity. His balance gradually deteriorated until he was no longer able to carry a rider without falling down and on July 4, 1999, at age 28 years, 2 months, Luckys Koko Prince was permanently retired.

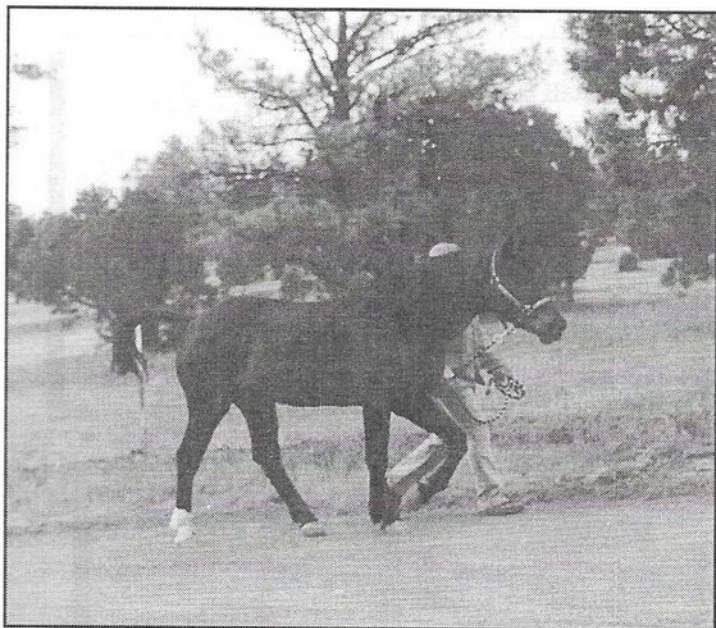
In May 2000 we attempted an AI breeding to Red Bud's Angel 910834 in Wisconsin. Koko kept his end of the bargain but the veterinarian who was handling the mare missed the timing. The project had to be abandoned when it conflicted with my need for arm surgery. That was his last chance for AI breeding. Koko can no longer balance well enough to make the long trailer rides to the vet who is trained and equipped to do it. Koko was quite enthusiastic about his prospects at home after Sam's Blue Blaze produced April Velvet, but she would have nothing to do with him while raising a foal.

Sassy, Blue, and Velvet helped me celebrate Koko's 30th birthday on April 29, 2001. He is healthy, cheerful, and still optimistically courting Sam's Blue Blaze.

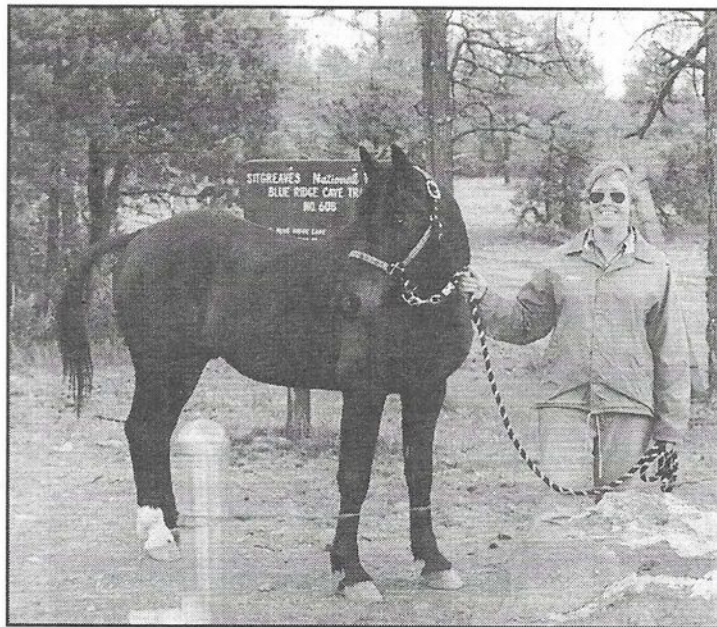
Luckys Koko Prince is a nearly human horse. Through all the ups and downs of life Koko has retained his joie de vivre, gentleness, cheerful exuberance, cocky boldness, good natured playfulness and gregarious friendliness. Koko has forgiven those who mistreated him and given his affection, loyalty, and submission to those who loved him.

Happy 30th Birthday, Koko. You're a grand old gentleman!

*All 3 photographs by Martin Jackson, Lakeside, AZ.
Allanna is the handler in all, taken May 4, 2001.*



Perfect running walk with no handler influence. He was MOVING!



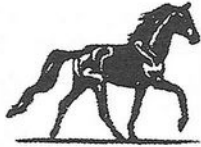
Koko at age 30 with Allanna, near their home in Arizona.

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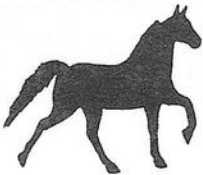
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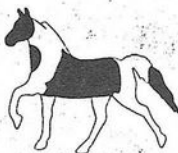
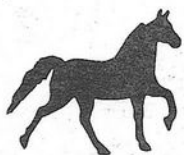
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NEWS FROM OUR U.S. SUBSCRIBERS

From GRACE LARSON, FORSYTH, MONTANA, "Just a note with some news from here. I will try e-mailing you. Lyle had his knee replaced in January so this has been a busy winter for me! His recovery is expected to take several more months. We will have 6 foals this spring but they won't start arriving until late May and into June. We didn't know Lyle was going to have surgery when we scheduled our foaling for later in the spring, but by the time they arrive he will be active again. He retired January 1st and it is sure nice to have him home!"

"This looks like it will be another very dry year for Montana. The mountain snow pack is down, so many of the streams that are used for irrigation just will not be usable. Hay prices were quite high last fall. We made sure we had a good supply and we were able to buy very good hay. In years past we have sure had some poor quality hay. I could relate to the article on boarding horses; thankfully the outcome for her horses was good. We hear comments on "horse hay" a lot and it is 'way below cow hay on most rancher's lists! It is amazing that more horses don't have lung disease or die."

"We enjoyed the photo of Spiller's Gold Dust. His son, Chief O' Chiefs, was the first walker foal born on our Big Arm ranch back in 1948. My sister, Alice, is shown holding Chief O' Chiefs on the December page of the 2001 Walking Horse Calendar. She was about 5 years old then and he was a weanling. The *Walking Horse News* is read from end to end as soon as it gets here!"

"Our orphan filly went to her new home in ND yesterday. She isn't a walker, she is a REAL quarter horse. She is 1/4 Arab, 1/4 QH, 1/4 Paint, and 1/4 Morgan. The man who owned the dam got off work one morning and there was this little filly and a dead Mom. So he called us and we took her and raised her. She hadn't had any colostrum so it was a very expensive venture; she had IV's to infuse her with antibodies and all sorts of medications. When the vet came to draw a Coggins on her for this sale he said she was used to being stuck! She sure is a nice filly though; a sorrel overo and so fast. The people plan to show her this summer and they will train her for barrels. She was foaled on 9-9-99 so we named her Soxy Kao. Kao stands for 9 in the Thai language."

"The mares are coming in now for breeding and we have some semen orders to ship when the mares are ready. We don't do the collecting or shipping; we do it the easy way by taking our stallions to a breeding farm in Billings. This man is very good to work with and so far the shipped semen has been good and the mares have gotten pregnant, thanks mainly to a good vet on the other end."

From ALLANNA JACKSON, LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, "Mister Star La Marr has been sold to Pam McCaskey of Perris, California. Grace Larson put him on her web site and a couple of other internet sites and the

McCaskeys inquired only 3 days after he'd been listed. I'll be delivering him to her next week."

In other news from Allanna, I received this e-mail, "Coming Soon! The premier issue of the *Walking Horse Journal* is coming July 1, 2001. This magazine is for the working Walker - running walk gaited trail and pleasure horses. Your articles, editorial submissions, pictures, ads and questions are welcome. Allanna Jackson is editor of the *Walking Horse Journal* for FOUR CRAFTSMEN Publishing."

SHELLIE PACOVSKY, SLUSH CREEK WALKERS, BAINVILLE, MONTANA, writes, "This has been a tough spring as far as the horses go; at least, it started out that way. On March 30, Dakota Gamblr BB Cake, ("Baby", now 20 years old), delivered twins. The twins were born alive but lived only 5 and 6 days. They were born 5 weeks early. The little horse colt weighed only 20 pounds and the filly 45. Both foals were too weak to stand and had no suck reflex. We'd had the mare ultrasounded but it missed the twins. It was really a heart-breaking way to start our foaling season. The important thing is that "Baby" is recovering nicely after this ordeal."

"We did have a beautiful little bay filly last week. I think we will call her Jazz. She is sure good medicine for heartbreak. We are hoping for 6 more foals this spring."

"Some other exciting news is that we have bought a new stallion to cross with our Calvin Miller lines. Blaze of Threat (aka "T") is a ten year old, 16:1 hh chestnut with flax mane and tail. He has a very natural smooth gait and is a real pleasure to work and handle, a perfect gentleman. T arrived here from Tennessee at the end of October. Three days later we were hit by a winter storm with over a foot of snow. We were without electricity for 12 days. What a shock to his southern system! We had a lot of fun laughing at him though. He would not walk in the snow unless one of us was leading him. He acted as if it was quicksand or something that was going to swallow him up. I also don't think he had seen cattle before and we had just weaned our calves. They were just across the fence from him, and he was terrified of the noisy bawling critters. He was sure they were monsters! By now T has settled in nicely, but I don't think that Montana would be his choice of homes. We are just now starting to breed a few mares to him for the spring of 2002. We think he will be the perfect outcross for our Miller mares, and we are really excited about seeing his first foals!"

"Most of Montana is still in a drought and we continue to hope for moisture where it is needed. We hope for all of you a healthy, problem-free foaling season, and we look forward to seeing pictures of your foals in the *Walking Horse News*."

The problem with the gene pool
is that there is no lifeguard.

SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

GALE ALLAN, A.& B. FARM, STOUGHTON, writes, "Winter came early in S.E. Saskatchewan. In November we got a lot of snow right off, and it stayed with very cold temperatures. Anyway, it is plus 6 today and some snow is starting to shrink away. My second crop of foals from Coin's DarKnight are due to start arriving on April 17, four in all. The first four are all very good looking and moving colts that are very friendly. Halter training was a snap."

"I lost Coin in October due to a tragic accident. I have purchased DoublePlay Genius Edition to stand at stud. He is a very nice horse."

"Good luck to all with foaling. I look forward to every edition of the *WHN*."

SHELDON SCHROEDER, WATSON, writes, "Could you please renew my subscription to *Walking Horse News*. I learn something new in every issue. It is great."

"Spring is finally here. It's been a long winter. I purchased 12 two and three year old TWH last fall. I have been very busy breaking them but I think I have things under control now. The one I enjoy riding the most is my horse, Champ. He is a golden palomino stud colt, a grandson of Tennessee Goldust that I bought from Les and Judy Young."

"I hope everyone has good luck with their new colts this spring."

ALBERTA NEWS

From TRACY YOUNG & DANE DIPASQUALE, ARDMORE, "We have had a very busy year so far and not just with the horses. First, we are MOVING! Now we will be closer to all the action. Our new place is north east of Gibbons (5 min). When we get our new mailing address I'll change our business card and send it in to the *WHN*. Unfortunately, our moving date will interfere with this summer's horse shows. I'm not too sure if we will be able to attend but we will definitely be settled in by September's shows. Another bad thing about this move is that we have to sell some of our horses. Our new place is smaller and we won't have the room for all of them. I'll be sending in a few ads for their sale."

"Secondly, we are very pleased to announce the arrival of a beautiful chestnut filly born on April 20, 2001. The dam is Handshaker's Mirror Image and the sire is Coin's Double Play. The filly was born around noon and I (Tracy) was fortunate enough to witness the whole birth. I have been working with her every day now and she is extremely friendly and calm. I mentioned that she was a chestnut but she has a lot of white that covers her hind legs to the hock and then all the way up on the inside of her legs. She also has a faint white patch on her right knee

and a white face with white markings on her cheeks. I guess I have some research to do on this subject."

"Well, take care and watch for our ads. We might have a TWH for you!"

MARIANNE WRAY, 19 MILE RANCH, SUNDRE, writes, "I found my "dream filly"! After much looking around, I bought a gorgeous sorrel right here in Sundre. Go figure! We really wanted to get one with U.S. papers but this one was by far the nicest we saw, and has a huge overstride. I fell in love... What can I say?"

"We bought her from Tim & Jessie Kennedy. She is out of Coulee Miss Freckles by Coin's Double Play. When I get time, I'll send in a picture."

MABEL HEINZIG, DIDSBURY, writes, "Albert has been out riding and also rides in the arena but I haven't been out yet! We have no snow here (didn't get the big dump Calgary got) but there was still quite a bit out in the hills west of Sundre the last time Albert was out. We're looking forward to camping and riding. Have a great summer!"

"Hi" from FRAN KERIK, TWO HILLS, "First, I'd like to say that I really enjoy the magazine and usually read it from cover to cover as soon as I get it."

"It's been really dry here so I've got the boys out doing a rain dance every day! Needless to say, the big concern is feed for next year. Kidding is all done, but I lost two good does, so I was bottle-feeding a bunch of babies, which kept me hopping."

"I am raising natural grown pasture poultry this year, so I've been out setting everything up. And between times, I've been working with my four year old, Mornin's Glory, and the two three year olds, Cash and Allen's Midnight Rascal. I've been on Rascal a few times, and have been driving Cash all around the yard and hay field so he's ready for some riding."

"The highlight of my spring was being able to attend a clinic with Dianne Little. I learned so much and so did Glory. I feel like I'm at the bottom of the learning curve and have a long way to go up! If only there were a clinic every month. I did meet a lot of people and put faces to names I've been reading about for years. I even got to meet a fellow Walker owner, Irene Verbisky, who lives less than ten miles away as the crow flies. She has a wonderful little mare so I'm looking forward to some nice riding this summer."

"I am placing an ad for a nice little brown colt I have for sale. He's quiet and has been handled a lot so will make someone a fine mount."

"Got to run now. Happy riding, everyone."

From ELISABETH AUGART, CALGARY, "Please send a one year *WHN* subscription to Theresa Green of Calgary. She bought my mare, Calta She'za Beauty, before the magazine came out! Best wishes to her with this lovely mare."

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MARLENE FAIRBROTHER, WINDING CREEK RANCH, MYRNAM, writes, "Time sure has gone by fast. We have been living up north for 11 months now. I had Whistle gelded last October and am enjoying riding him. I've been hearing about lots of trail rides up here but so far haven't got out on any. Elaine Lipka's mare, Lady, had a filly by Whistle last month, the first of his last crop of foals. We are southwest of Myrnam or east of Two Hills. We really like the country here. I have last year's foals for sale as well as two mares after they foal. I am selling all but Whistle and Dancer due to ill health. I want good homes for these horses. I never dreamed I'd ever have to sell them. I have had them for ten years now."

From GAYE ROTH, RAFTER 4L, DARWELL, "It is our favourite time of year. We are anxiously awaiting ten new foals this spring."

"We attended a cutter rally at Fort Assiniboine in February. It was a fun-filled weekend and the weather cooperated."

"Due to the mild winter, Darrel has been able to make quite a few trips to the Ya Ha Tinda Ranch. This has been a great experience for the geldings currently in training. These boys will be well versed in mountains for their new owners!"

ERNIE JENSEN, LIMBERLOST HORSES, DRAYTON VALLEY, writes, "I'm happy to say that Tonquin is doing really well for his new owner. He has been to the mountains a couple of times and was on the Heart & Stroke Ride. He is a high life horse and his owner likes that kind of horse. After seeing his last two colts, I am a little sorry that I gelded him."

"We sold Jo's Epselon and her two year old filly to Charles and Crystal Hansen of Sherwood Park. They also bought Epselon's three year old son off Laurindale Stables. I had sold him to Laurie last summer. (Don't forget, Charles, we still have Epselon's 11 month old colt here. You might just as well have the whole family!) Please send the Hansens a *WHN* subscription with our thanks."

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

From BRENDA BETTLES, ARMSTRONG, "As I had hoped, it has been a great winter for riding. I managed to keep myself and the nag busy 3 to 6 days of the week out travelling road and trail. Being virtually unemployed during most of January and February certainly increased the availability of riding time, and the resulting restrictions on grocery shopping didn't do yours truly any harm! We did our first "around the country block" 18.5 km ride on February 27. The temperature was about plus 8 and not a cloud in the sky."

"Show season will soon be in full swing, so I have sent along info on the 4th Interior Gaited Horse Show on June 30 and July 1, 2001. I hope to see some Walkers

from the Coast and Alberta attend. You are guaranteed a great time."

"I'm planning to be out for the Futurity this year, possibly in the capacity of photographer. Hope I'll also be able to mooch a ride to some other Alberta shows."

"I hope everyone has a safe, fun and enjoyable riding season."

From NATALIE SPECKMAIER, VANCOUVER, "Well, we've had our baby (March 31), and she's a beauty, a chestnut filly with blaze. Kara has named her Shira, but this may change. Still struggling over the registration name."

"Nicole and I spent our entire Easter weekend at a Parelli clinic in Abbotsford. We camped out behind the barn in her camper, and Trigger and De'ja' had a nice paddock all to themselves. When I have a bit of time I'll tell you all about the clinic. Nicole and I enjoyed every minute, participating in the Introductory Level 1 and watching the Level 2 people every afternoon. We certainly learned a lot and have put more of it to good use now that we understand the concepts a bit better, having horsed around for 3 whole days."

"We trailered Trigger and De'ja' over to the park today and had a nice ride before the rain hit. Kara rode Trigger on Sunday at Golden Ears Park with Nicole and a couple of ladies, as I had a luncheon and couldn't go. They had a great ride. I was out with Nicole last week at Campbell Valley."



JANA AND ROGER JACOBSEN, CRANBROOK, bid a fond farewell to their special little fellow, Storm's Northern Victory. New owners are Dave & Debbie Smith of Maple Ridge.

“PETER SYMONS, RAFTER 9S, DAWSON CREEK, writes, “We’ve had a very easy winter here in the Peace and I hope we don’t have to pay too dearly for it down the line.”

“Unfortunately, health problems force me to reduce my little band of Walkers. I will particularly regret parting with Wain (Wainwright’s Shadow), as I’ve grown quite attached to him. Although a stallion, he has been easier to handle than most geldings, and is great to ride. We were lucky to get him from Darrel and Gaye. Our horses are in great shape and we’re really looking forward to three new foals in May.”

ONTARIO NEWS

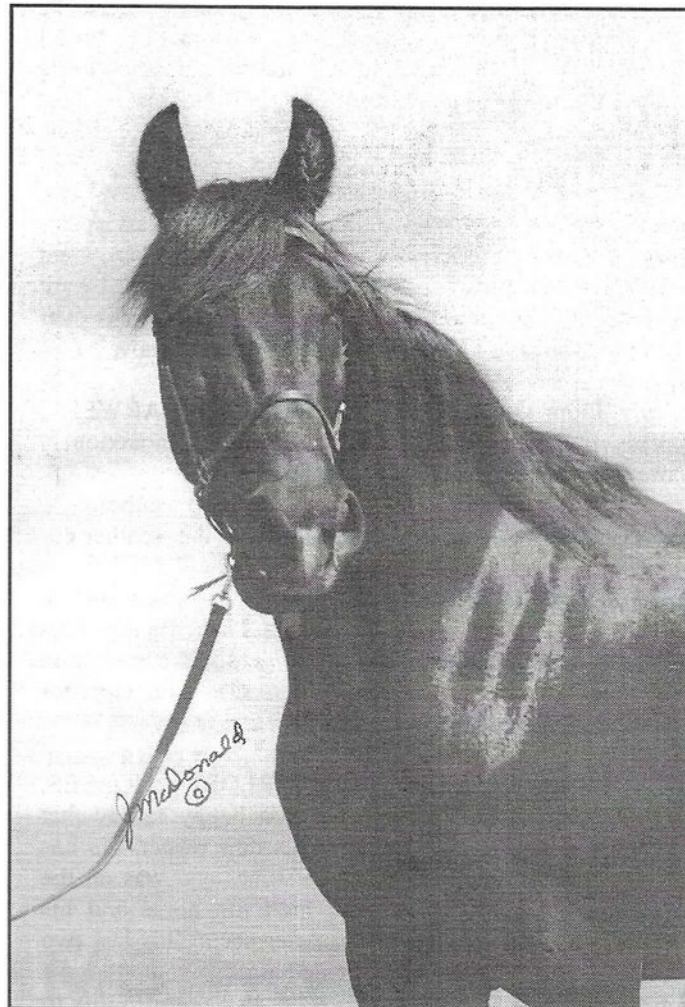
RON LADOUCEUR, CAN-AM FARM, FREELTON, sent in the ad for the “naturally gaited logo” in the last issue, page 31. It’s a pretty nice logo and Ron says they can make up just about anything with it on, in nearly any colour. Here’s the chance for all you folks in Alberta who want an appropriate front plate for your car or truck to contact Ron and request that he make up some front plates with this logo. You could even colour co-ordinate too!”

Ron wrote, “Hope you master the computer without too much hair-pulling. .. and I am sure you will. Good luck, and we will be talking.”

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From NANCY SIMON, CALEDONIA, “Pride and I are fine. It has been such a long winter here in Ontario. Riding in the snow is fun – but enough already!”

“Always look forward to receiving ‘The News’. You are my only contact with the Walking Horse world. Thanks for keeping me informed.”



On March 30, 2001, McDonald Farms of Pouce Coupe, B.C. lost Handshaker Candy S., a 28 year old direct daughter of Mack K’s Handshaker.

“Candy” was foaled April 29, 1973 on the property of Billy Stanfill of Savannah, Tennessee. Her dam was Kitty’s Kandy Kisses, and Shaker’s Professor was a full brother.

She made her way to Canada through Pearl Tompkins of Elmo, Montana, who purchased her at one of the Tennessee sales. Candy was subsequently sold to Sue Marsland of Cochrane, Alberta, and finally to McDonald Farms in 1982.


Candy has many offspring spread from Alaska to Saskatchewan. Our junior stallion, Canadian Shaker, is a direct son, and will carry her banner in the Peace.

Candy produced twelve foals for us, plus a number of others before we purchased her. She was a broodmare extraordinaire!

We will miss her but we know she is in greener pastures now.

Thank-you, Candy.

By Jo-Anne McDonald



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ASSOCIATION & CLUB NEWS

SASKATCHEWAN ACTIVITIES

Spring has sprung and horse fever is high here in **Saskatchewan**. I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather outside with his or her steeds. I would like to welcome everyone to sign up for an upcoming **clinic**, which will be held in the **Saskatoon** area. We are really looking forward to having **Dianne Little** come out and share her wealth of information and experience. Whether you're interested in showing, training, or simply riding your TWH's, Dianne will be more than able to help! The clinic is tentatively planned for the **16th and 17th of June**. Spectators are also more than welcome! For more information call Karoleigh @ (306) 254-4489 or e-mail me at donjanzen@sk.sympatico.ca Happy trails and safe riding!

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The big event for this year is the Club's Open House on Sunday, July 8 at Four Seasons Ranch, Sidney, Manitoba. Special guest Marie Erickson from North Dakota will be helping with the demos. We will serve a light lunch and have horses for people to ride, as well as do gait demonstrations and a Parelli demo. We will run videos and have information available. Those who would like to send us literature or videos from their farms (plain shod only of course!) are welcome to do so. We hope to see you there.



CANADIAN REGISTRY OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

The annual general meeting of the CRTWH, held April 21 at the Lacombe Golf & Country Club, was well attended, with Joyce Rogers of Fort McMurray deserving a prize for travelling the longest distance!

The 2001 slate of officers is as follows:

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Saskatchewan Directors are Lexie Cole, Cabri & Floyd Shupe, Duck Lake.

Directors from all over Canada now have an equal chance to take part in meetings and give their opinions and information with the use of conference calls and e-mail. This can only help strengthen your national board.

After much research and work by Brenda Baker, assisted by Dianne Little and Marjorie Lacy, the Board has published a chart on horse colours. It is hoped that this will prove useful to members and non-members alike. You will find a copy stapled inside this issue, courtesy of the CRTWH and of WHN.

The Canadian Futurity marks its 19th anniversary this year on September 15 & 16, 2001 at the Olds Agriplex in Olds, Alberta. A rule change for this year states that all entries in weanling, yearling, and two-year-old classes must be barefoot. The four new classes introduced since 1997 have been popular with exhibitors so are now a permanent part of the Futurity program.

The Board has struck a committee to look into lease agreements. The one that is used to register a lease with CLRC is being reworked to better inform people of what a lease means and what information should be included on it. More information will be forthcoming on this.

It was noted that the reject rate on registration applications was very high last year, jumping from 9 percent in 1999 to 20 percent in 2000. This is an unnecessary cost to both members and the registry. Your executive believes that this is a reflection of people not having checked that the sire of their foal is blood typed or DNA profiled AND ON RECORD WITH CRTWH through Canadian Livestock Records. Many stallions that were blood typed in the U.S. some years ago do not have their blood type recorded with Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. This year the same problem could arise with the mares, since they will have to be on record for progeny to be registered in Canada. **To avoid problems, extra costs and delays in registering your 2001 foals, please check that the blood type or DNA profile of both parents is on file with CLRC BEFORE you submit a registration application for the foal.** You can phone CLRC at 613-731-7110, or send them the blood type or DNA record at CLRC, 2417 Holly Lane, OTTAWA, ON K1V 0M6.



FOAL CALL 2001



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BAY COLT (Canadian Shaker x Shadow's Magic Maid)

BAY COLT, 3 sox & star (Canadian Shaker x Monterey Gold) Both owned by McDonald Farms, Pouce Coupe, B.C.

SORREL FILLY (Pride's Pale Image x Vintage Sassbarilla Gold) Kara & Nicole Haseler, Langley, B.C.

BLACK COLT (Black Kat's Smoke 'N' Fire x Starfire's Reflection)

SORREL FILLY 4 white feet & blaze (Honey Boy's Rebel x Diamond Snipper) April 23

SORREL FILLY, hind sox (Honey Boy's Rebel x Flash of Diamonds)

BLACK COLT, 3 sox, star & snip (Honey Boy's Rebel x Waltzing Matilda)

SORREL FILLY (Black Kat's Smoke 'N' Fire x Dakota Dusty Doll) All 5 owned by Keith Doll, Douglas, MB

BAY FILLY (CR Sweetwater Sundance x Chapie's Belle) Diane Rempel Sharkey, Edmonton, AB

BLACK COLT (Shadow's Jack Diamond x Sue's Lady Lou) Jack & Margaret Gurnett, Bluffton, AB

SORREL FILLY 4 white feet, blaze, (Nugget's Summer Sun x Chapie's Summer) Ron Bannister, Wembley, AB

BLACK FILLY, tiny star, hind (argyle!) sock (C.R. Sweetwater Sundance x Walkien Firefly) May 5

SORREL COLT, matched hind sox, star (Northfork Sky Walker x Jessie Dee) May 7 Jean Rempel, Winfield, AB

CHESTNUT FILLY (Tramp's T-Bone Walker x Glorious Emblem) May 8 owned by Leslie Hunchuk, Millarville, AB.

By Northfork Patch of Gold

BLACK FILLY out of Pride's Miss Ellie) May 9

SORREL FILLY out of Northfork Plain Jane May 11

BAY COLT out of Bay Queen of Hearts All 3 owned by Legacy Walkers, Shirley Wesslen, Lacombe, AB

BLACK COLT (Go Boy Successful Storm x Midnight Ebony Miss) The Smiths, Tower Ridge Farm, Maple Ridge, BC

By Wainwright's Shadow

SORREL COLT out of Serenity Farm's Mirage

SORREL FILLY out of Serenity Farm's Illusion

SORREL COLT out of Missterious Girl WGL. All three owned by the Symons, Rafter 9S, Dawson Creek, BC

BAY FILLY (Chance's Gold N' Yellow x Dictator's Merry Minuet)

CHESTNUT FILLY (Calta Caligula x She's Got the Rythum D.C.)

PALOMINO FILLY (Chance's Gold N' Yellow x Doubly Delightful)

BAY FILLY (Calta Commander x Jester's Snappy Lil) All 4 owned by Brenda & Dave Baker, Calgary, AB

CHESTNUT FILLY (Coin's Double Play x Handshaker's Mirror Image) April 20, owned by T.Young, D. DiPasquale, Ardmore AB.

BLACK COLT, white markings (Princess's Black Snow x Sassparilla) May 14 owned by Mary Kruger, Bon Accord, AB



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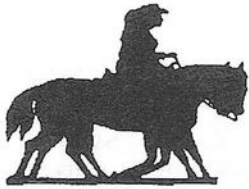
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TRAINING MYTHUNDERSTANDINGS

USING PHYSICAL PRESSURES IN TRAINING

by Ron Meredith

President, Meredith Manor International Equestrian Centre

When we're training a horse, we use both physical and psychological pressures to shape his behavior. You can't neatly separate the influence of these pressures because the horse has physical reactions to psychological pressures and he has psychological reactions to physical pressures. Even so, we're going to try to look at the two separately and how we apply each of them to shape the horse's behavior.

As the horse moves from being a baby green trainee to a horse that can play the upper level games, his understanding of the shape that particular physical pressures suggest to him will become more sophisticated. Eventually he learns to understand a whole corridor of physical pressures put together into a complex movement much as we put a bunch of individual words together to make a sentence that has a much more complex meaning than any of the individual words alone.

In the beginning, however, the baby horse's vocabulary of physical pressures is very limited. If you throw too many physical pressures at him all at once, he will feel attacked. So when we first begin heeding, we spend a lot of time getting the horse to trust us, convincing him that we are a friend and not a predator. We begin to shape the horse's behavior using our own physical actions while he is loose in an arena. We move our primary and secondary lines of influence to put psychological pressure on the horse to get him to move in a particular direction at a particular speed. As we shape his activity, we are careful never to push the horse so far out of his psychological comfort zone that we scare him. We are careful never to raise his excitement level to the point where he loses rhythm or relaxation or his awareness of us.

As the horse's understanding of the game grows, we move alongside him and begin to make the game we want to play a little more complex. We walk, trot, turn, back, stop, change directions. Our main goal is still trust and awareness with rhythm and relaxation. Very gradually we will introduce tack, put someone on his back, get him used to carrying that someone and how their weight affects

his balance. Then we'll begin to use reins, seat and leg to ask him for the shapes we want. All of these steps mean introducing physical pressures.

There are some physical pressures like the pressure of the girth or the feel of stirrups hanging against his sides we want him to accept and ignore. So you've got to be sure to introduce these pressures slowly and in a way that the horse accepts them and gets used to them without ever feeling that he has to do something to get comfortable.

There's another group of pressures, the ones we apply with reins, leg and seat, which I call methodically applied directional pressures. We want the horse to learn that when he moves away from these pressures in the direction we want, the pressure goes away.

Some people believe that the horse's natural reaction to any pressure is to lean into it. Then to prove their point, they'll poke their fingers into the horse's side. Or they'll point to the fact that a horse's "natural reaction" is to pull back against a tie rope when they feel like their head is trapped. So to train a horse, they say, we have to teach him to unlearn what comes naturally.

These folks have missed a very important difference between either of these situations and a training situation where the horse feels a methodically applied directional pressure. Poking the horse in the ribs or trapping his head is a sudden, startling pressure that raises the horse's excitement level, makes him hold his breath and interrupts the rhythm of his breathing. It scares him out of his psychological comfort zone. His natural fight or flight instincts take over and he either pushes into the pressure or jerks back to make a fast escape.

You need to introduce a directional pressure very slowly and methodically. You show the horse your hand, put it against his side, then put a little pressure there. You slowly increase the pressure and you do not take your hand away until the horse realizes that he is the one that has to remove the pressure. When the horse moves in the direction the pressure is pointing, you have to stop your hand and let him move away from it. You have now taught him the most important lesson he needs to know as

his training continues: if he moves in the direction a pressure indicates, the pressure goes away.

When you apply a sudden pressure that the horse does not anticipate, you elevate his excitement level and spoil his understanding. A good trainer methodically applies any new pressure in a way that never surprises the horse. The pressure has to be applied in a way that the horse can remove it by moving in the direction the trainer wants. A methodically applied directional pressure is a solvable problem, not a startling event that causes fight or flight. As a trainer you're trying to develop the habit in the horse of responding to or resolving these directional pressures in the same way every time.

The release of a physical pressure is very important to the horse's understanding. They need to trust, for example, that if they turn their head left when the pressure increases on the left side of their mouth, the pressure will go away.

The same thing holds if you ask a horse to back. I see people start fighting with a horse to back and when he backs up they keep fighting with him to keep on backing up. What they should do is ride back a stride, then soften everything for one stride to show the horse he did everything right. Then very quietly apply the same set of pressures for another back stride and reward for that one and so on.

Pressures have to be shaped to match what we're trying to accomplish. You'll see some people flapping and slapping their horse's sides with their legs to keep the horse at a canter or gallop or other people who just clamp their legs on and never let go. Then another time they squeeze the horse's sides and nothing happens. Well, that's because nothing happened when the horse tried to respond to the their slapping or clamping and the pressure stayed there anyway. These people are not shaping their pressures in a horse logical way.

Watching good training is boring unless you understand what's going on.

Instructor and trainer Ron Meredith has refined his "horse logical" methods for communicating with equines over 30 years as president of Meredith Manor International Equestrian Centre (Route 1, Box 66, Waverly, WV 26184; 1-304-679-3128; <http://www.meredithmanor.com>), an ACCET accredited equestrian educational institution.

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OUR READERS WRITE... & PHONE

I HAD A PHONE CALL FROM A NEW SUBSCRIBER A WHILE AGO. He was feeling a bit discouraged about these gaited horses. He subscribed to WHN about three issues ago, and had purchased a pretty wild and scared young Walker that he'd brought home just a few weeks ago.

"I keep reading about these horses 'shaking their heads'. Is that supposed to be a good thing?" he asked. "Are there any books or videos that would help me recognize the gaits and train this horse? If it were a Quarter Horse there are dozens of people I could go to for help. But the few people around here with Walkers hardly even ride them."

Well, this is a big and scary subject to tackle! Associations, clubs and registries need to make more information available and accessible on gaits and on training gaited horses. We definitely do need competent trainers and knowledgeable owners who understand the movement and can help the horse do its best. However, many people forget the most basic thing about gaited horses: they are HORSES first, gaited horses second. ALL horses have to be brought along in their training slowly and thoughtfully. A young Walker must know all the basics of being handled both on the ground and under saddle, and have confidence in its handler, before gait training is started. It must be relaxed enough to move without tension and fear, or it may never gait. I think so many of these Walkers that people say are "No good. He never did gait worth a nickel" may be colts that were started too young, then rushed or scared in their early training. If you start a young horse before it is mentally or physically ready, you are cutting off its potential before it even has a chance to show its worth.

What advice would you readers give?

As for some references, here are a few in both print & video. In up-coming issues we are planning some video reviews that we hope will be helpful.

Heavenly Gaits and Gaits of Gold by Brenda Imus, CrossOver Publications, Kennedy, NY 1-888-617-8009

Backyard Walkin' Training Tips by Allanna Jackson, Four Craftsmen Publishing, P.O. Box U, Lakeside, AZ 85929-0585

The Running Walk from the Centre of the Ring - video by Eldon Eadie, 1-403-933-3627

Through the Gaits of Pleasure - video available from TWHBEA, 1-800-359-1574

These are a few that I know about. We will try to find more references for you in future. Good luck!

Marjorie C. Lacy

AN INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION FOR THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

by Melissa Gardner

Over the past four years, Bow Valley College (Canada) has been involved in an educational linkage project in Zimbabwe and South Africa. This initiative, Entrepreneurial Skills Promotion (ESP), is funded by the Canadian International Development Agency and monitored by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges. One of the aims of ESP has been to design an integrated training model at Mupfure College (Zimbabwe), a process for addressing technical and entrepreneurial skills development. As part of the project, several Africans have visited Calgary in order to become familiar with Canadian approaches to training as well as to learn more about Alberta — its history, traditions and economic climate.

One of the highlights of the annual exchange is a trip to a local stable to see western lifestyles in action. Over the years, Bill and Deloris Salt, owners of Cloudwalker Stables near Strathmore, Alberta have generously hosted nine Africans, enabling these visitors to Canada to spend the day enjoying western hospitality at its best. Bill and Deloris raise prize-winning Tennessee Walking Horses, a breed well suited to inexperienced (often apprehensive) riders.

In 1998, Bill and Deloris sponsored a cowboy barbeque for Bow Valley and its guests. After a traditional beef and bean feed, five South Africans and two Zimbabweans (including two college presidents) tried their luck in the saddle. All were first time riders and all were amazed by the smooth gait and gentle ways of their four-legged companions. Despite initial reservations, the riders agreed that a cowboy hat and a good Tennessee Walker are all that is needed in life.

In 1999, three instructors from Mupfure College and two from Atteridgeville College (Pretoria) paid a visit to Cloudwalker. Once again, each took a turn at the reins and it wasn't long until a new group of cowboys was born. It was particularly helpful that Bill and Deloris allowed the riders to use their heated arena. After a very cold month in Calgary, the South Africans and Zimbabweans were in total agreement: the novelty of snow and frigid temperatures had long since worn off.

The most recent international visitor to Cloudwalker was Mr. Lewis Durango, a Zimbabwean whose name was inspired by an American western movie. Mr. Durango, the manager of the Zimbabwean Occupational Standards Services (ZOSS), was in Canada to represent Zimbabwe business, organized labour and government in a new partnership venture with Bow Valley College. Lewis's trip was partially sponsored by the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) which is supporting ZOSS in its collaboration with Canada.

After a brisk circling of the arena at a running walk, Mr. Durango was ready to become an honorary cowpoke. He has even decided to return to Calgary so he might hone his skills and purchase a pair of cowboy boots!



Lewis Durango with Gerry Simon, a volunteer on the ESP project.

Bow Valley College is very grateful to Bill and Deloris for making their facility and their Tennessee Walkers available. It is important to the College that its African visitors have the opportunity to experience Calgary's legendary western heritage first hand.

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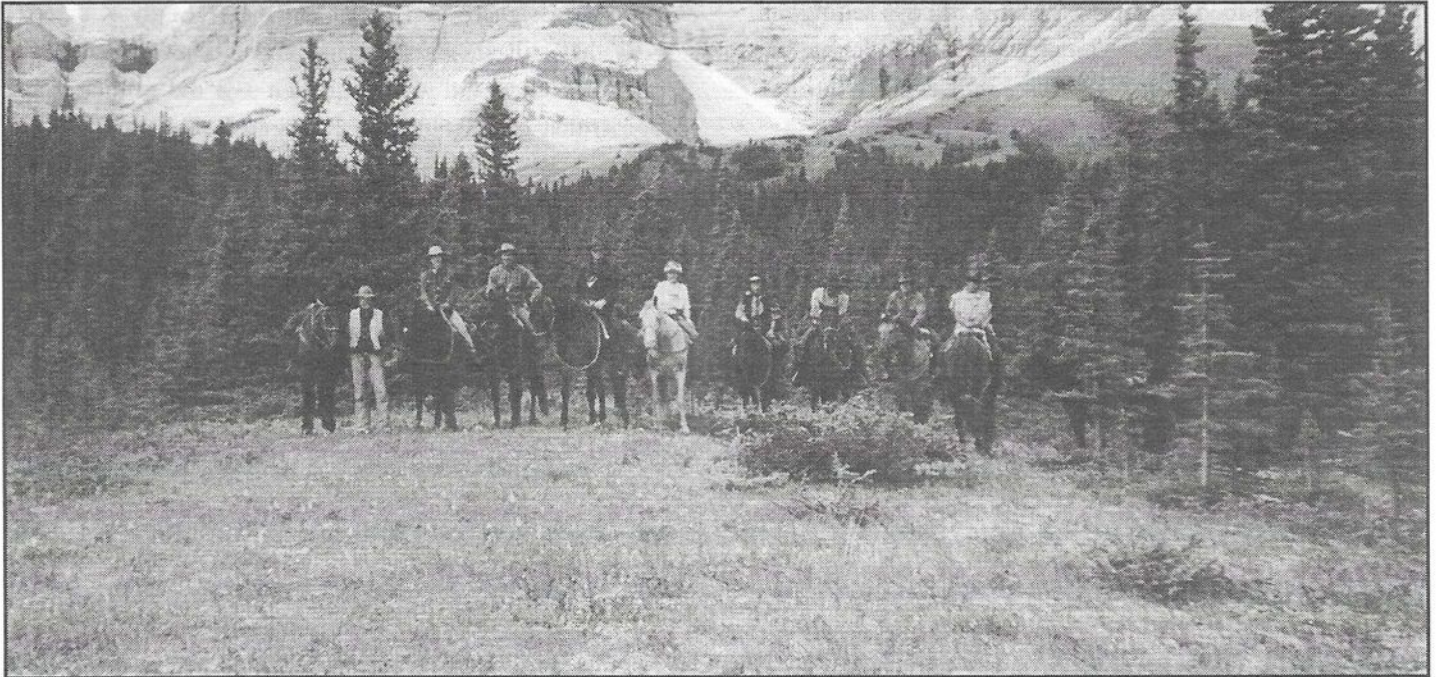
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TRAIL 2000 by Keith Oberle



Trail 2000 – near Ice Lake. Photo by Brad Harlick

“Hallo, Keith. My name is Gerhart Schmaeling, and I am the president of the European Tennessee Walking Horse Association...” Thus began what turned into a personally rewarding and very busy summer. Gerhart had been given my name as a person who owned Walkers. He was looking for information as to where he could find an outfitter to take himself and a few friends into the mountains on Tennessee Walking Horses. I initially told him that I was not aware of anyone in Alberta who was outfitting using Walkers. He was determined to go on a pack trip, however, so asked if I knew any outfitters that could accommodate his party. I said that I knew a couple and that I would check into it for him. We also exchanged e-mail addresses so that we could communicate without being encumbered by the time differences. However, I neither speak nor read German. Gerhart speaks quite good English, but doesn’t write it quite as well, so some of his messages were quite funny. But we managed. In our e-mails, Gerhart titled his with “Trail 2000”

In the process of checking things out, I did some thinking. Why don’t I offer to take them myself? I qualified as a Class A mountain guide 20 years ago; I have the equipment, and have enough Tennessee Walking

horses to make it work. I have never done it professionally (for money) but have been packing for over 25 years. This would not be for profit, either, as on a one-time basis, insurance costs would make it marginal at the normal outfitting price. Instead, I offered to do it for expenses. Good will and a good time would be my reward. This seemed to meet with Gerhart’s approval.

When we first started talking, they were to be a party of three. That number I could manage easily. But by the time of leaving, it had grown to a party of seven (one dropped out at the last minute, making it six) and three of us (my daughter, Elise, her husband Brad, and me.). I was going to need to borrow a horse or two. I called my friend Mel. He said, “Sure!” - but he was going to be in the saddle when it came! However, he did have a couple more that could be used as pack horses. With such a large undertaking facing me, I had to do some further thinking as to how I was going to get all those horses and people to the trail head, and all the gear and grub into camp. The answer came from Mel when he told me he was taking some extra holidays. Why don’t we go in and set up camp in advance, and spend a couple of days trail riding on our own first?

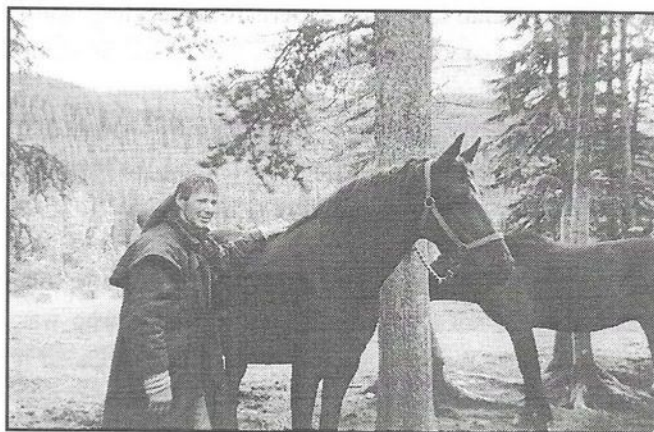
My chosen destination was a spot past Panther Corners, upstream on the Panther River west of Sundre. Mel and I took in five packhorses loaded with gear and nonperishable food. We spent a couple of days setting up camp including a kitchen complete with table, tarpaulin roof, and propane stove. We set up a shower and a latrine, cut and split wood, and set up tents for all.

The day we were able to get away for a little ride started out really well. I wanted to check out a trail that would go around a mountain, (locally known as JI Hill) down and up the Dogrib Valley, and back to camp in a loop. I had never completed the loop before, but thought it would be a good trail to take our guests on. We were nearing the top of the west side of JI Hill, just preparing to break out of the timber, when a storm hit. I have never seen such a bright flash of lightning, nor had such a loud crash of thunder occur so fast after the lightning. The whole mountainside lit up, and more than once! The thunder and lightning were accompanied by a cold rain that soon turned into wet snow. The thunder and lightning didn't let up. For a minute, my horse wouldn't move. Eventually, however, we headed down into the timber and Mel and I each took a suitable tree for shelter. The tree had to be shorter than its neighbors (hopefully less attractive to lightning) but large enough to provide shelter and not too likely to blow over if the winds got bad. The tree I chose was big enough for two, so Mel came over and we started a little fire under the tree to warm ourselves. (I always carry emergency fire starter with me.) Eventually, the electrical storm let up enough for us to leave. We were not going to carry on in the storm, however. We returned in the direction we came. On the way back to camp, we came upon a group of Good Samaritans. They had a good fire in a large stove in a big tent, and lots of coffee and rum to warm the weary and wet traveler. I really had to twist Mel's arm when the good folks invited us in to warm up and dry off. I don't drink coffee, so had to make do with the other offerings!

The next day, Mel and I took the pack train out from camp to the trailhead. He stayed there with the 7 horses while I returned to my ranch to get 6 more and the rest of the party. Brad and Elise took a small trailer with two horses, I had four horses and Gerhart, and my wife Kathy brought the rest of the German visitors in her car. She sadly returned to the ranch to look after things while I was away. Thirteen horses -10 saddle and three packhorses -

made the second trip. The packhorses had the personal gear and a supply of fresh food.

Gerhart owns some Walkers, all bought in Alberta. He was assigned an 18-year-old mare (Lindy K's Heir KB) that still shows some life and attitude! Uschi (62) owns a Walker and was assigned a 3-yr old gelding (Sky Spirit) that I had started in the spring. Achim had ridden some, and considered himself an average to above-average rider. He got another 3-yr-old gelding (Skyline's Sunny Boy). His wife, Rotraud, had not ridden and was terrified of horses. She was able to get in a couple of hours of instruction at a nearby guest ranch the day before we left, and overcame her fear. I put her on Chinook's Blue Angel, a 15-year-old brood mare that had slipped her foal the winter before. It became a case of true love! At every opportunity, Rotraud was hugging her mount and saying things like, "She really is an Angel!" Gabby is a friend of Gerhart's and had ridden Walkers at his place. She was assigned the 4-yr-old mare, Just a Penny. Joe, a short, stocky fellow, had little or no experience, either. He was the only one of the guests who did not get a Walker to ride. He was put on a short, stocky quarter horse of Mel's. It was a perfect match, in all cases!

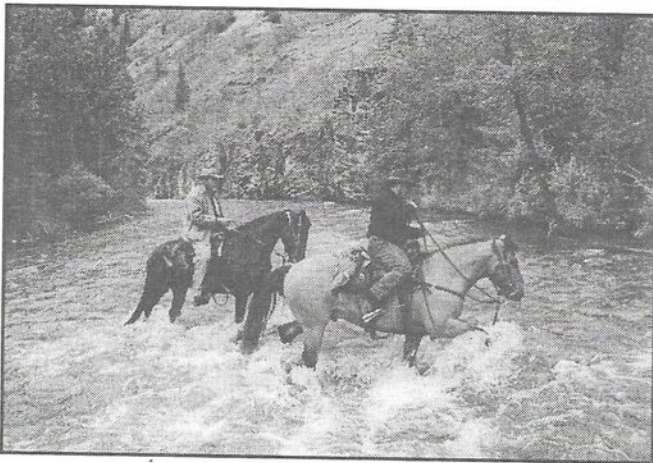


Gerhart & Lindy K's Heir KB Photo by Elise Harlick

The first crossing of the Panther River comes about 10 minutes away from the truck park. I was at the back of the line, so could not see any faces. Mel was leading. He did get to see their faces! He said that everyone's eyes became as wide as saucers, and the hands tightened on the horns until the knuckles were white! The first crossing went by without mishap, as did the second. Somewhere around the third or fourth, however, the sabino Walker mare Splish Splash Splosh (really - that's the name someone gave her!) that Elise was riding had

had enough. She objected a little, but it was nothing Elise couldn't handle! (I think that the fear of a dunking in that cold, fast river kept her in the saddle.) I was the only one who got to witness the rodeo, as it happened in front of me. The others had gone around a bend in the trail. Probably a good thing. It might have shaken the confidence of the less experienced riders.

A few more river crossings and some nice meadows later and we were at camp. All in one piece. No packs dumped. No one even complained of being sore. That is why I had chosen the Panther. It is only about three hours saddle time from the trailhead to camp. We arrived in plenty of time to get the folks settled in and to have a good evening meal (hamburger on buns) and some schnapps before bed.



Keith & Joe crossing the Panther River. Photo by Uschi vom Hove

Day two - time to go and see some country! The JI Hill-Dogrib trail was on the agenda. After a couple of hours and a good climb, the trail emerges above the timberline. The view of the Panther valley from that position is breathtaking. You cannot imagine the scenery unless you have been at the top of a mountain looking along a river valley bracketed by mountains! Azure sky, punctuated only occasionally with puffy white cumulus clouds. Light breeze blowing, just enough to keep the flies away. Many pictures were taken along this part of the trail. Unfortunately, the trail forks a little while later. Which fork do we take? Murphy's Law - we took the wrong fork. It led into an abandoned well lease and ended there, but only after crossing a lot of large, jagged rocks. By this time it was getting late in the afternoon, and horses and riders were quite tired. So what do we do now? Go back? Mel and I decided to leave the group and go for

a walk down the mountain to see whether it was negotiable in the saddle or on foot. The lease was about halfway down the mountain already, and Mel and I went about half of what remained. We felt that it was quite walkable and would save a lot of time and trouble to just walk down. So we climbed back up and put the choices to the group. Their position was that they were ready for a walk anyway, so let's go down. So we did. Without difficulty. The difficulty came later. Where is the trail up the other side? Steep sides and much timber necessitates using an already-discovered trail. Murphy's Law again - we turned the wrong way. After a few minutes it became apparent to me that the trail we were on was getting fainter and rougher. Again Mel and I left our companions and struck out to find the right trail. There it was - only 200 metres from where we had walked down the mountain but the other way! We got back to camp a little later than expected, but otherwise none the worse for wear. Achim said that they had come looking for adventure, and that they were getting plenty! Anyway, we were too late to bake the whole salmon, so it was cut into steaks and was delicious anyway! After the meal, Achim said, "I have traveled a lot, and eaten in many a high-priced restaurant, but never have had food as good as we had tonight!" And Joe said, "May I have the head of the fish? Tomorrow I will make a fish-head soup. (Yuck, I thought to myself, but the head and tail were saved for Joe.) Schnapps and stories, (some in German, most in English), accompanied by much laughter, and bed.

Day three - later start, shorter trip to Dormer Lake. Brad and Joe each caught a trout. It was another perfect day for weather and travel. The horses were probably too tired after the JI Hill journey to cause any trouble. Dormer Lake is a lower-level lake, warmer and surrounded by larger timber than most mountain lakes. It is stocked with Eastern Brook Trout. That night, the fish were fried (without their heads and tails) and Joe made his fish-head soup. I have never been so surprised. It was absolutely delicious! Everyone had seconds or thirds. More schnapps and stories and laughter, and Mel brought out his guitar for a little fireside singing.

Day four - it started to rain about midnight the previous night, and continued to rain lightly until mid morning. No one was in a big rush to jump back into the saddle and do 25 miles that day, anyway. We did saddle up mid-morning and proceeded westerly along the

Panther River into Banff Park. Many more crossings of the Panther were faced, but by now all were experienced mountain riders! No more white knuckles or wide eyes. We had lunch at Barriere cabin, a still-used park warden cabin. It's a very picturesque setting and a lovely place for lunch. Every day presented a different kind of trail, with different looks at the mountains. Day one was high and round and open. Today was up close and personal with some of the rugged giants that border Banff. Our guests were awestruck. Elise, Brad and Mel remained in camp today. Elise was roasting a chunk of beef in a fire pit and Mel was giving his horse a rest. Roast beef dinner, schnapps, stories, and bed ended day four.

Day five - a long climb up to Ice Lake. This little gem rests above tree line. Government regulations require that horses be tied at tree line to preserve the fragile ecology above. This means a little climb on foot. Some stayed at the lake to fish or to lie in the sun. Some accompanied me on a walk along the ridge above the east side of the lake. The alpine mountain flowers were in full bloom. Two scruffy bighorn ewes paid us little attention as we chatted and took their pictures many times. A herd of elk became visible on a distant hillside. Then a large bull with atypical antlers appeared on the side of the hill we were on, but much lower down. At first I thought it was a moose, since his antlers were so strange, with so many tips so close together. Closer examination through binoculars revealed that the antlers looked very much like some cast antlers that we had seen the previous day at the Barriere cabin. I think those who stayed fishing or sunning were a little disappointed that they hadn't come on our walk! Supper that night consisted of pan-broiled venison accompanied by German dumplings (courtesy Joe), more schnapps and stories. More compliments from our guests on how the experience was far exceeding their expectations!

Day six - our last day before leaving. The weather was getting hotter, and flies were becoming a nuisance. There is a trail that circles a mountain. It goes west along the Panther past Barriere cabin, swings south for a ways, then circles back to meet and follow down the Dormer River. We did not have the time or conditioning to attempt the whole trail (25 miles, 40 km), and we had already been on the western arm, so we went south along the Dormer. We had already been on part of this leg of the trail, too, on our way to Dormer Lake. Today, however,

we passed the turn-off to the lake and proceeded on towards Banff Park. This day and this trail's earlier section permitted some horse swapping. Both Gerhart and Achim wanted to try out some other Walkers. Uschi only reluctantly could be persuaded to give up Sky, even for a little while! A good deal of the park portion of this trail passes through timber. Another different facade of our incredible Alberta mountain heritage! Brad, Elise and Mel stayed in camp. Elise roasted a pork loin. It was our last night. Schnapps were scarce. Mel's stories were not.

The trip out was pleasant enough except for the heat. Sweat rolled down our faces and biting flies swooped down upon us. Kathy's taxi service met us at the trailhead with cold beer! I took a load of horses back to my ranch and returned to join Mel for the night at the trailhead. The next day we returned to camp to clean up and pack out. The trip in to camp, which normally takes three hours, took only two! The packs on the packhorses were empty and the saddle horses were getting fit. I rode the feisty old mare Lindy. I had ridden her in to set up camp. Gerhart rode her for 7 days. Now she was fit and ready to go, so I just let her go. And did she go! I had the ride of my life. She showed me what a run-walk is supposed to be. I have only experienced that kind of ride once or twice before in my life! If ever I had any misgivings about this breed, that ride dispelled them. I am also now convinced that those "pacey" Walkers just need more wet saddle blankets to become excellent Walking Horses. In the four years that I have owned Lindy, she had previously shown me nothing but a dead pace.

The next day I was invited to join the group at the Calgary Stampede. We took in the rodeo and walked the midway until it was time to say good-bye prior to their leaving for the airport and home. There were many tears.

Postscript:

Gerhart sent me a copy of the European Tennessee Walking Horse Association Newsletter where he and Uschi had written accounts of our trip. I don't read German, but a friend translated a couple of paragraphs for me. In his article titled "Trail 2000", Gerhart said that, in his opinion, after travelling much of Canada and the U.S. looking at Walkers, the best Walkers are to be found in Alberta. Our Walkers have more substance and are generally more trainable. He encouraged Europeans looking for TWH to look here first. Keith Oberle



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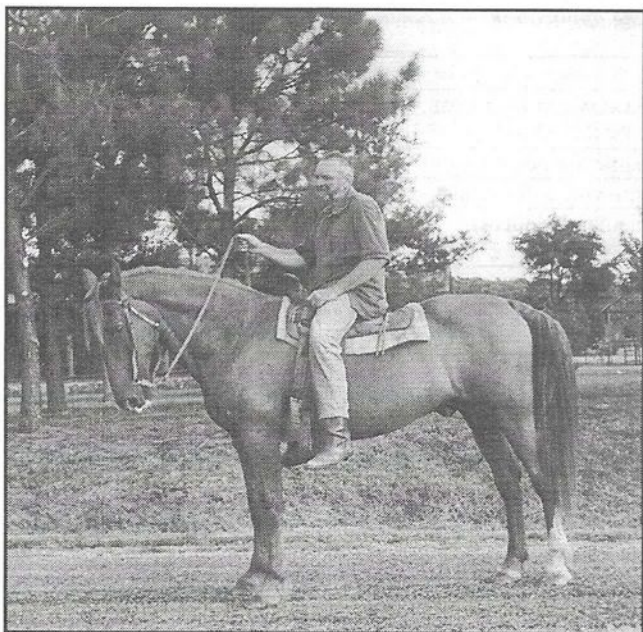
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FROM FOUNDATIONS to the FUTURE

GOOD-BYE, RUSTY! by Franne Brandon



BRANDON'S TRAVELLER with owner Bob Brandon up. Still a solid trail horse at age 23.

Farewell, Rusty! In your just over thirty years on this planet you saw a lot of changes in the walking horse breed of which you were a representative, and you saw them from varying perspectives that few, if any, other horses in the breed experienced. First of all, your bloodlines drew you back to the foundations of the breed. Your sire, RIP, a big, 16.2 hand sorrel like yourself, was a Midnight Sun grandson. Rip, often called The Rip-Snorter, or just plain Snort, was double-bred through his sire's dam and his own to the sire of flatshod champions, Miller's Wilson Allen, a three-quarter brother to Strolling Jim. Your bay mama was a granddaughter of Go Boy's Shadow out of a daughter of Old Last Chance. At first, your new owners, novices to the world of raising foals, thought you wouldn't survive. Your dam, Mary's Chance, had very little milk, and you grew thin and sickly. But you possessed a will to live, managing to survive the crucial first months, and by your yearling stage were a handsome tall redhead with a hint of blond in your mane and tail.

Your first experiences under saddle were directed toward making you a padded show horse. In Middle Tennessee in the early seventies, there were very few plantation classes, or any other type of showcase for flatshod Tennessee Walkers. Even the pleasure classes were titled "show pleasure", and were designated for padded horses without set tails and shown without boots. Your training was directed toward two-year-old padded competition. You certainly had the size for it, but the vets who cut your tail in order to fit it for a crupper almost killed you when they nicked an artery. For the rest of your days, that tail bore evidence of their carelessness. Since you could not wear a tail set while it healed, you were taken down to keg shoes and ridden for pleasure as a young horse.

You spent one more stint on pads. The training was designed to see how you would fare in four-year-old Junior competition, but a touch-up job by the trainer who didn't bother to tell your owner that he was going to "fix" you to see how you went, ended your days as a big-lick walker. But not as a show horse. By your four-year-old season, plantation rings were just becoming a common addition to Middle Tennessee show bills. Often, a show's management needed plenty of horses in the class to insure its inclusion for the next season. With Linda in the saddle, you made sure there were enough horses competing for the class to be included again. You'd grown to 17 hands, and though you were not blessed with the sweeping long overstride of your sire, your walking gaits were true and your canter would rival that of any horse of any breed. All of these initial plantation classes required a three-gaited horse that could perform the requisite rocking chair pleasure gait. In fact, many's the time you went into a padded show pleasure class that had less than five entries and beat the padded contenders because your canter was perfect and they couldn't even perform one correctly on both leads. You won a boxful of ribbons, all colors!

Yet your world was not limited to the show ring. You were a smooth and steady trail horse, logging many miles on the gravel backcountry roads before Bedford County paved all of them. You also, in spite of your size, developed cow savvy. There were times after you'd rendered your services at someone's round up when you'd take your partner on a relaxing trail ride afterward, when the quarter horses that had worked with you could barely move. As you grew older and left some of youth's energy behind, you were steady enough that a father could put a small child in front of him in the saddle to introduce the youngster to the wonders of the horse world. On one occasion, you were flatwalking around the Celebration grounds during a 4-H show with a child and adult up, and someone offered your owner \$3500 for you. This happened at a time when \$1500 was quite a price to pay for a plantation horse. No price can be put on the special bond between a man and his saddle horse, though, and you stayed on the farm. Well into your twenties you continued to provide steady service under saddle when needed.

Your retirement years were spent with goats rather than other horses, but they were relaxing years. Care and special feeding helped you to reach that milestone 30th birthday that few members of the equine species ever see. Then, one day in early spring, you were gone, as quietly and gently as you had served all the days of your life.

Rest in peace, Brandon's Traveler. I'll miss seeing you in Bobby's pasture every day!

Author's Note: I have tried to focus on other people's horses in this column, but I've known this old guy almost as long as I've known my husband. It's like losing part of the family to bid him good-bye, and I write this as a tribute to him. Franne Brandon, Petersburg, TN.

A LITTLE HISTORY by Sylvia Crouter

From Tennessee to Wyoming

In the late 1930s or early 40s, before Midnight Sun or Merry Go Boy came to prominence, a Wyoming hotel owner named Frank Norris brought some Walking Horses into Wyoming. Norris ran the Norris Hotel in Greybull, Wyoming. The stock he imported from Murfreesboro, Tennessee was mostly palomino colored, and at least some of them came from Vance Paschal. There were names like Pot O' Gold and Yellow Jacket.

These early Wyoming Walkers adjusted well to the hot, dry Wyoming summers and the long, frigid, windswept winters. They became adept at making their way in rocky terrain and tackling the mountain trails. Their new owners knew very little about training and riding the running walk, but they knew these horses were smooth! These first Wyoming owners used their horses for everything: cattle work, packing out elk and deer, and riding fence.

Casper, Wyoming

In 1955, Frank Norris had a golden stud he named Norris Moonbeam. The colt was out of a mare that went back to Colonel Allen, and Roan Allen F-38, Allen Brooks F-107, and Eagle Red F-67, all old, natural Walking Horses. Moonbeam's sire, Golden Moonbeam C, traced his lineage twice to Roan Allen F-38, to Golden Sunshine F-44, as well as to Curlee's Spotted Allen.

Horses whose names are followed by an "F" number are designated foundation stock. There are 115 horses and mares so honored.

In time, Norris Moonbeam was sold to H.M. (Whitey) Pursel in Casper, Wyoming. Whitey acquired registered Tennessee Walking Horse mares of old breeding. One such mare was the dam of our first stallion, Alcova Sox. Registered as Easter Sunshine, she has three foundation horses in her pedigree: Bramlett F-9, Napoleon Direct F-94, and the illustrious Hunter's Allen F-10, one of the famous sons of the breed's foundation sire, Allan F-1.

Whitey Pursel raised and sold many Walking Horses in Wyoming. Alcova Sox, a yellow stallion with four socks, a star and snip, was foaled in 1964 and later sold to Loren Nations of Riverton, Wyoming. Loren ran his stud and mares on Bureau of Land Management land that adjoined his corrals and property near the Riverton airport. To visit Loren and Mara was to go back in time to the days of few fences when brood bands could roam over many square miles of open grassland.

Dubois, Wyoming

My first Walker was a gelding sired by Alcova Sox as was J.D.'s half-Walker, Comet. I was in the habit

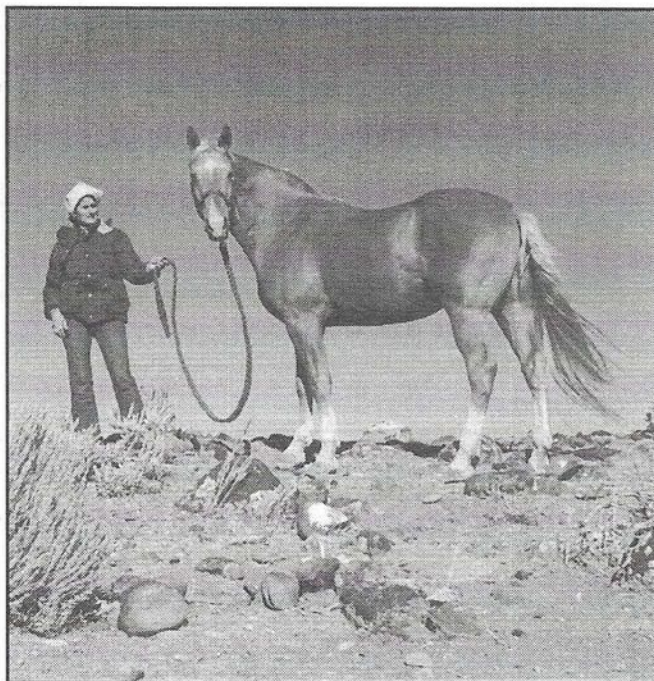
of stopping at Loren's when I was in Riverton, and one day he told me he wanted to sell Alcova.

"Why?" I asked.

"Because I can't breed him to his own daughters and I want to try crossing them with a Paso Fino stud."

That is how we got into the breeding business! When you have a stallion, you have to have a mare or two – or 20 -, and before long, the tail is wagging the dog.

We found Alcova to be a wonderful stallion. He sired surefooted, gaited colts and he was a perfect gentleman to ride. The summer my mother, a timid rider, was 74, she rode Alcova and felt perfectly secure.



Alcova Sox 642390 with Sylvia Crouter, Box Hanging 3 Ranch

Twilight Years

When Alcova's sire, Norris Moonbeam, was 26, Whitey Purcell was in his nineties and no longer able to care for his old stallion. So, Norris Moonbeam spent his last few years on The Box Hanging Three Ranch, and gave us several foals. We had one mare that refused to be bred to any stallion than old Norris Moonbeam. He was a proud old horse.

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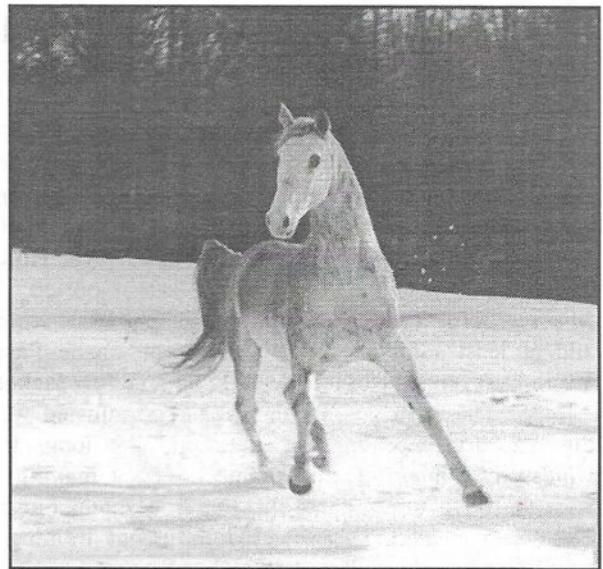
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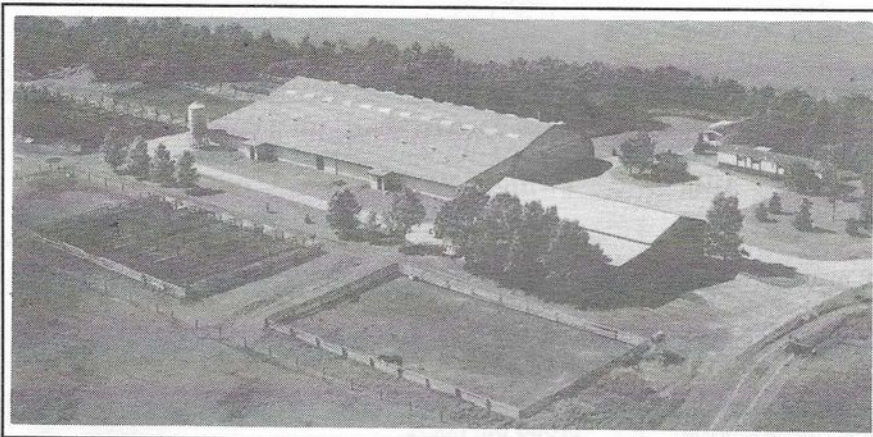
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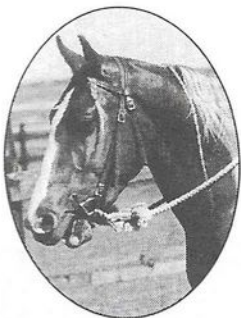
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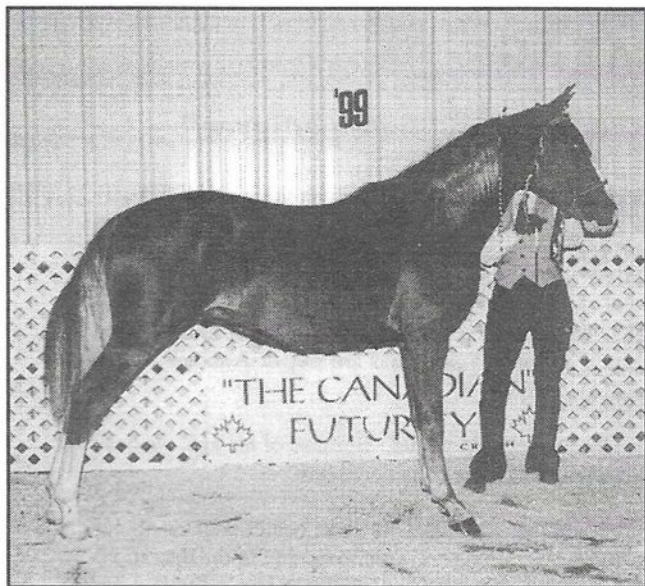
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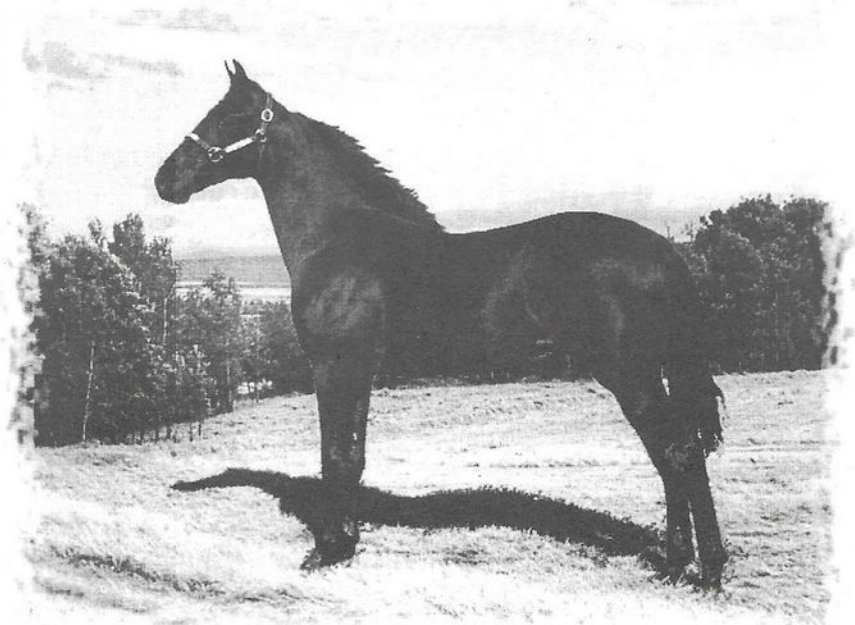
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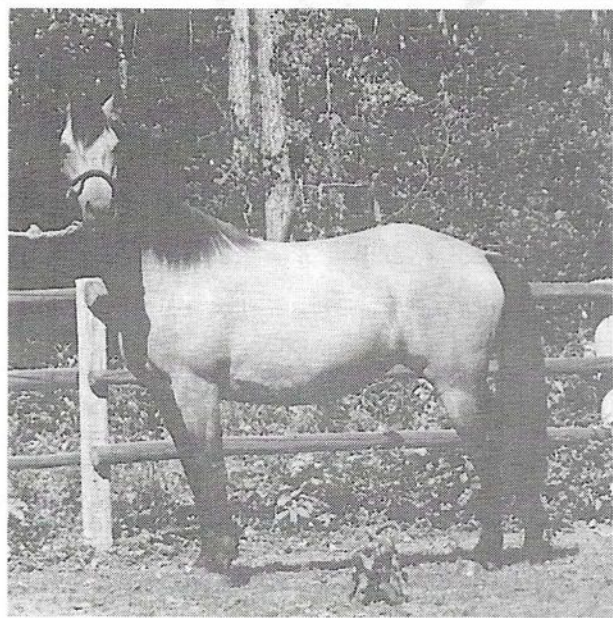
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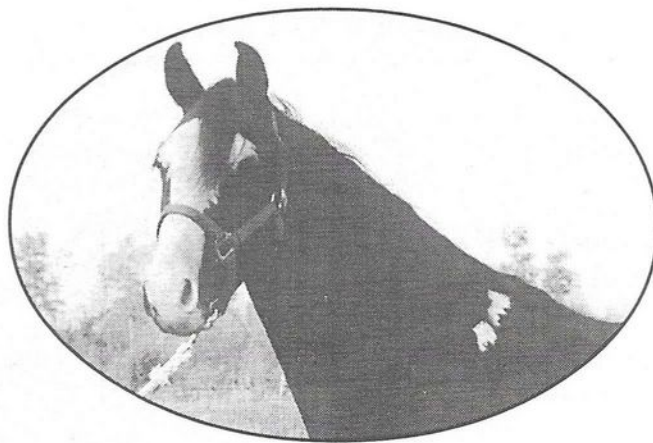
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THE ADVENTURES OF CASEY

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Episode Two

"The Freshman"



Dear Folks,

Well, I am firmly entrenched in my college studies here
at HORSES UNLIMITED in windy Calgary, Alberta.

My professor, Rick Hemmett, has been very accommo-
dating up to this point. He seems to know that I am a
little homesick and makes allowances for my odd lapses
in attention. (After all, it IS breeding season and I'm
usually out courting mares at this time of year).

He says I am an exceptionally gifted young fellow. He
likes my "looseness" in the front end (good thing I'm
not a truck) and says I'm "a beautiful moving, super-
supple individual".

All this time I thought I was just having fun but I am
discovering that what I took for granted is considered a
rare combination in a horse. It's hard to be so gifted
and still remain humble.

Well I gotta run-walk. It's nearly time for another lec-
ture on how a nice gentleman horse is supposed to be-
have. (Chuckle, chuckle.)

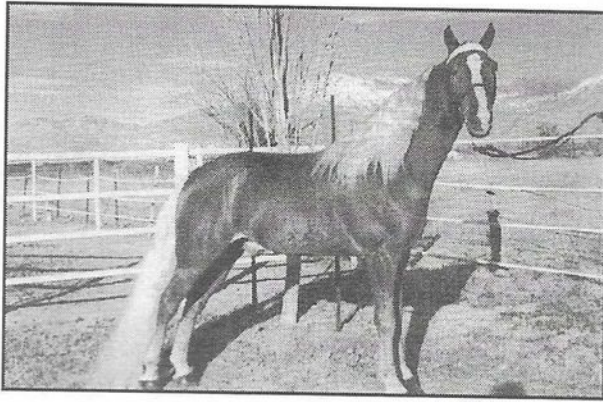
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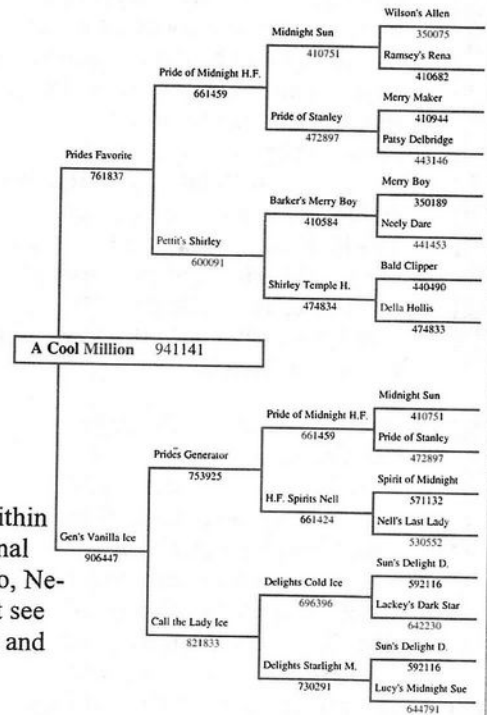
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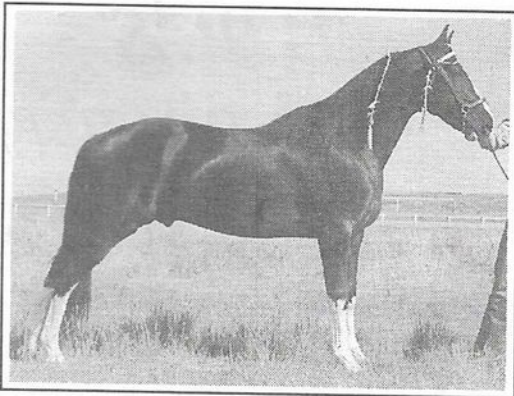
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Due to a late start in the 1999 breeding season, only two of his offspring were shown in 2000. His first-born, a palomino filly, "Big Tunes First Star" was Reserve Champion Weanling Filly and Reserve Grand Champion Weanling at the WCR Regional TWHBEA Futurity. Her proud new owner is Bea McCrea of Eugene, Oregon. Another daughter, "Big Tunes Trinket", was 3rd place Weanling Filly out of 15 shown at The Canadian Futurity. She is proudly owned by Dr. Ralph Thompson of Elnora, Ab.

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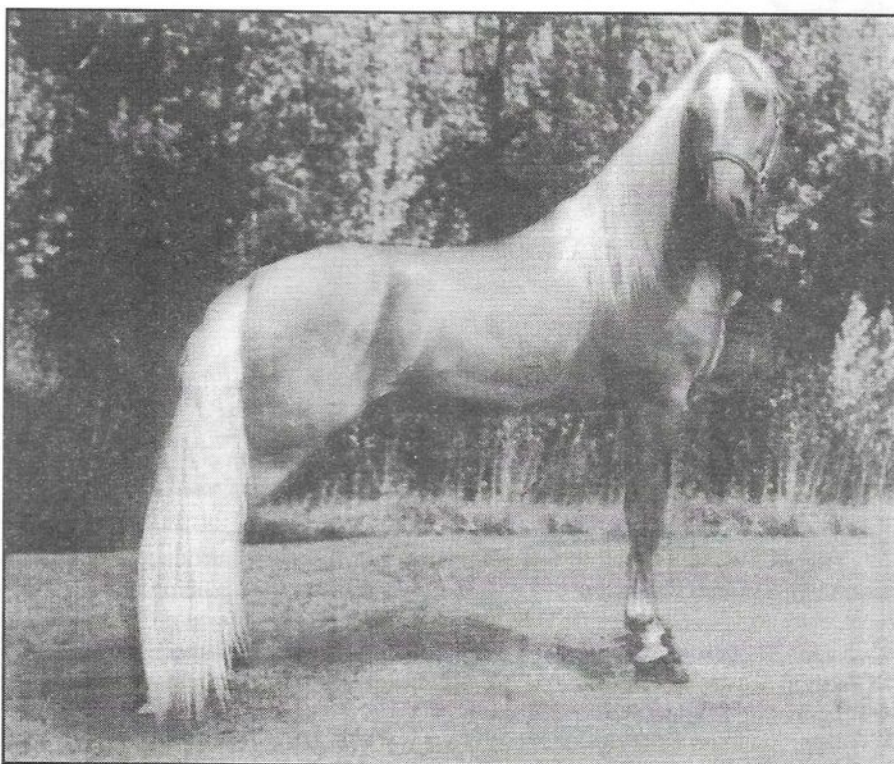


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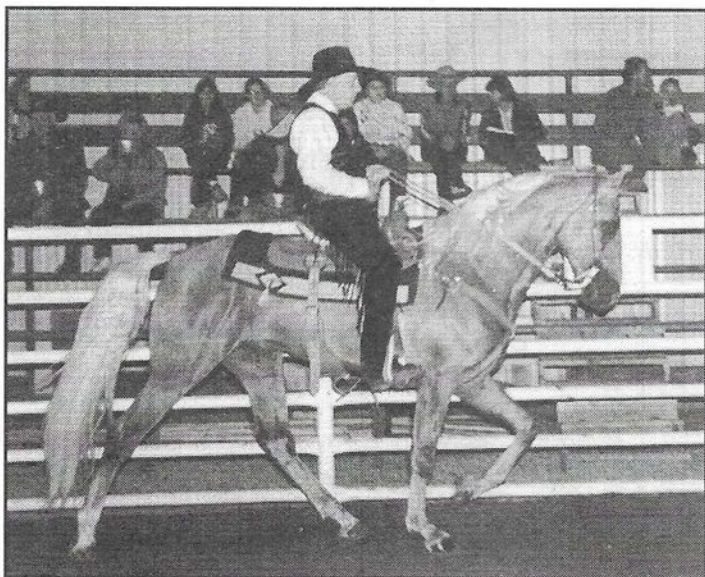


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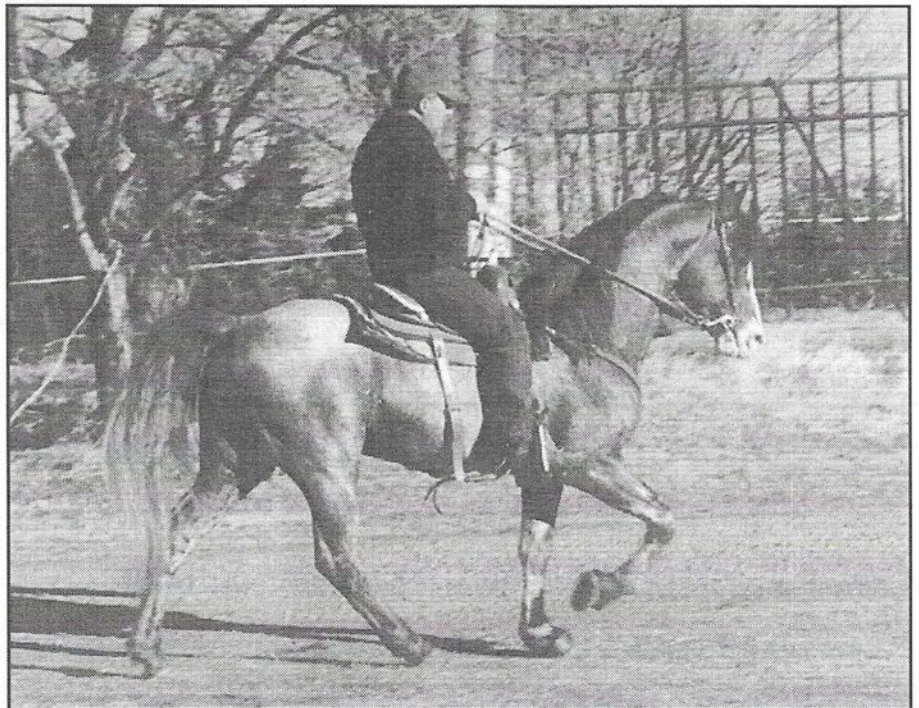
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For, photos, pedigrees, and full information on any of the above Tennessee Walking Horses, please phone:

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SERENITY FARMS MIRAGE 926416 (Calta Copernicus x Hollywood Miss). 9 years old, Chestnut, 14:2 hh. Broke for experienced rider. Has sorrel colt at side by Wainwright's Shadow. Very friendly. Excellent broodmare. Pedigree, photos, video available. \$3000.00 with foal, \$3500 with foal & bred back. Rafter Nines, DAWSON CREEK, B. C. 1-250-782-4668

TWO 2001 COLTS— #1(Black Kat's Smoke 'N' Fire x Starfire's Reflection, the "cover girl" on the S/O 2000 WHN). Black with a white right hind foot. #2(Honey Boy's Rebel x Waltzing Matilda). Black with star, snip, 3 white feet and one blue eye. Keith Doll, DOUGLAS, MB Phone 1-204-725-3740

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June 23 & 24 **Wild Rose Versatility Show**, Leduc - Donna (780) 696-2253 or Lorie (780) 929-2151
July 6-15 **Calgary Stampede** - Grethe (403) 934-3989
July 7 **Trail Ride, Porcupine Hills** - Andrew (403)938-3721
July 14 **Festival of the Gaits** – Rhonda (403)784-3438 or Jean (780)696-2105
July 28/29 **Alberta Celebration**, Olds - Lorraine (403) 226-0678
August 18/19 **Days of Old Show**, Strathmore - Shirley (403) 938-3875
Aug. 25 **Waterton Weekend Trail Ride** - John (403) 626-3181
September 5-9 **Spruce Meadows Booth and Demos**, Calgary - Brenda (403) 931-3575
September 15 & 16 **'The Canadian' TWH Futurity**, Olds – Dianne, (403) 271-7391
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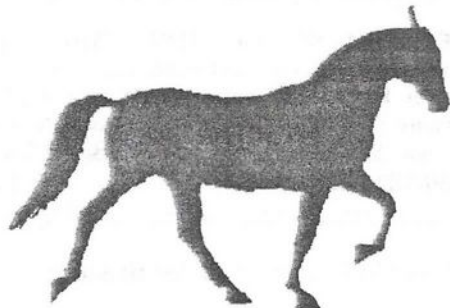
June 30, July 1 **Interior Gaited Horse Show**, Armstrong - Brenda (250) 546-2605 or Christine Schwartz at 5435 Rochdell Rd., Vernon, B.C. V1B 3E8 or phone 1-250-545-2336 or e-mail Rhoad@junction.net.

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For all events: Barb (204) 466-2776 or bfenwick@fourseasonsranch.com
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July 8 **Walking Horse Open House**
Aug 3,4,5,7,8,9 **Parelli Horse Camps** with TWH owner/breeder Dave Ellis of California, 4 Seasons Ranch, Sidney.
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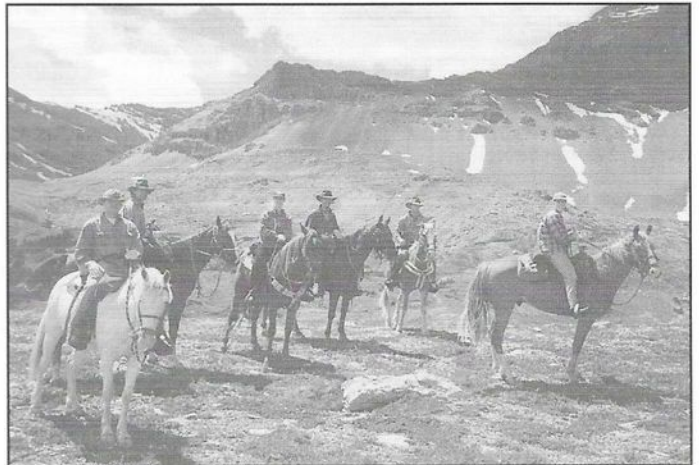
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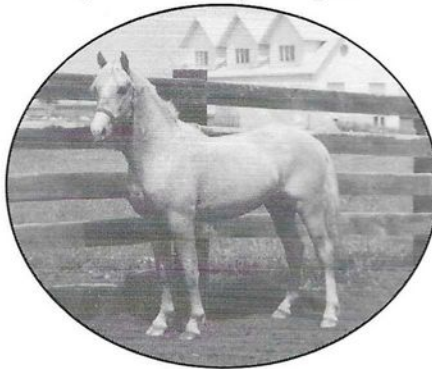
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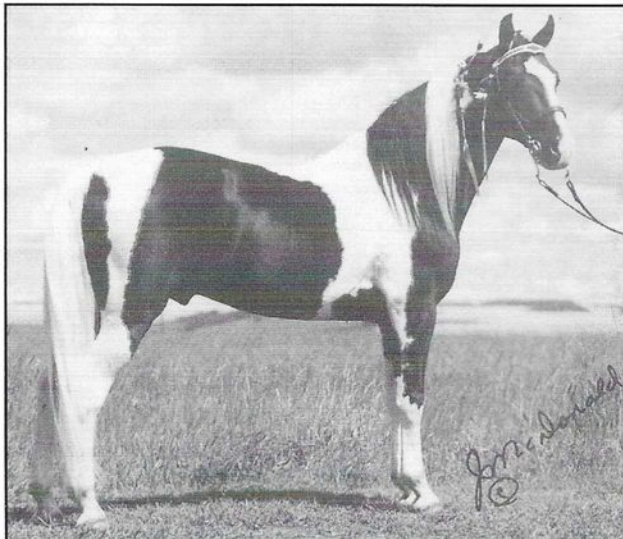
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